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ANYONE FOR COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR?

Coun David Morris, The Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, is continuing the tradition of holding charity coffee mornings in the town hall. Funds raised go to the Mayor's named charities, and they take place on the first Saturday of the month. The latest event took place on September 5, and Mike Wilcock went along with his camera.

Return of Cowbridge post office is 'close'

POST OFFICE chiefs have announced a "period of consultation" on plans to reopen a post office branch in Cowbridge.

The consultation exercise will end on October 20 and – if all goes well, it could be open in December at a new location – No. 27 Eastgate in the town.

Julia Marwood, the regional network manager, said: "I am also pleased to announce that the new branch will be one of our new local-style branches."

Cowbridge has been without a post office since April 2014 and Ms Marwood said: "Building work will be starting at the new site soon; however, we still welcome comments on the service offer at the new branch.

"You can share your views on the proposed move through our easy and convenient online questionnaire via the link *postofficeviews.co.uk*. When entering the site you will be asked to enter the code for this branch: 279611".

The GEM understands that negotiations for the premises are now in the final stages.

James Mordecai, partner of Herbert R Thomas (HRT), said: "People in the Vale have really missed having the facilities of a post office nearby, so it's great news that we are extremely close to signing the agreement with the new postmaster."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "I am delighted that residents and businesses will once again be able to use Post Office services in Cowbridge.

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Darren Farm: More open space – *and more homes!*

by PHILIP IRWIN

CHANGES have been made to the controversial plan to build homes at Darren Farm, just outside Cowbridge.

More open space within the development is promised but, in what at first glance appears to be a contradiction, there will also be more dwellings!

The developers, Commercial Estates Group (CEG), released a statement this week stating: "*An addendum to the planning application for the site has been submitted to the Vale Council in response to the council's 'focused changes' to the Deposit Local Development Plan (LDP).*"

The developers say that the 'focused changes' require an increase of building density (30 dwelling per hectare [dph] as opposed to the previous plan, where the density was 25.5 dph). Another focused change requirement was an increase in 'affordable housing' – up from 35 per cent to 40 per cent.

However, the inevitable headline figure will be that the number of dwellings has risen from 390 to 475.

One other change is that a footpath will be provided within the site, to the south of the land designated for a primary school.

A spokeswoman for CEG said: "The boundary of the application site remains the same, but the parcels of land proposed within the site for homes have been reduced in size.

"For example, housing has been moved further away from Darren Close, enabling an increase in the amount of landscaping and buffer."

The developers are claiming that traffic through the town will decrease, and the spokeswoman said: "This development includes a multi-million pound investment into a new link road which will remove at least 1,000 vehicles a day from Cowbridge (including HGVs) and around 300 vehicles from Llysworney.

"There will be an overall net benefit to Llantwit Major Road in Cowbridge as a result."

She continued: "The proposals are designed to reflect the town's unique character. The homes will enable young people in Cowbridge to access the housing ladder, as well as providing attractive family homes and properties for the elderly.

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'Cuts to blame, not the council'

I SEE our Vale MP is outraged about car parking charges: now if only he would have a word with George Osborne, to persuade him to stop slashing council funding, his campaign might even get somewhere.

But no, that's not going to happen, it is far easier to blame the poor old council.

The Vale voted in a Conservative Government, which stood on a ticket of continuing cuts in public spending.

This is what it looks like... Get used to it, because there is worse to come.

Parks, libraries, playing fields, street cleaning, arts centres, day services, youth work – will all be hit over the next four years, across the whole of Wales.

So, Vale residents, there is nothing you can do, but be more careful who you vote for next time – because this ship has sailed.

Dr Pryce,
Cowbridge.

Speed bumps have their uses

SPEED bumps on our roads are very valuable in restraining drivers who have no intention of abiding by the legal speed limits and think themselves to be above the law.

But, quite apart from acting as a small deterrent, speed bumps serve an extremely useful purpose – merely by their existence on the roads – in trying to reach the minds of the large proportion of drivers, who would never see themselves as criminals.

They are the ones who complain about speed bumps, but who would be very sorry afterwards, if they accidentally knocked down a careless child, rushing out from the pavement.

None of us would want to be in that situation, after we have struck a child with a lethal weapon, and then wished we had been travelling just a bit more slowly.

CN Westerman,
Brynna.

'Keep dog on muzzle'

I FEEL I must write to tell of my reaction to your story about the horrific ordeal suffered by the puppy 'Lola' as reported in last week's GEM.

Firstly, I am amazed how charitable the Carringtons are. The dog attacker should be made to wear a muzzle in public places and never let off the lead, at the very least, because otherwise it will happen again.

Never mind insurance being important, they would not have needed this if the Staffie was kept under control in the first place.

In my view, if you have three dogs, they form a pack and will chase after defenceless animals, as it's in their nature to do so.

However, not all are nasty, but I understand Staffies can be unpredictable.

We owe it to our dogs to protect them and be able to walk with them in safety.

I am so glad Lola survived, but other dogs may not be so lucky, unless people wise up.

Mrs S E Hall,
Barry.

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'Fun of cycling seems to be to cause other users inconvenience'

(WHY THE AVERSION TO CYCLE PATH?)

I WOULD like to endorse the sentiments of Philip Dawson in his letter (last week's GEM) concerning the latest outbreak of cycle path construction on the A4050 Port Road between the Docks link road and Wenvoe.

As the bulldozers set about desecrating hedgerows and wildlife habitats on the western side, it appears someone in the Highways Department has overlooked the fact that on the opposite side of the carriageway there is already a footpath... together with a grass verge approximately eight feet (2.4m) wide, which is surely more than adequate to accommodate a cycle path?

The fact that this is on the opposite side to existing stretches of cycle path should hardly be an issue since, as Mr Dawson rightly observes, no one uses them anyway.

Just why cyclists have such an aversion to using a facility provided for them at huge public expense is something that has long intrigued me.

Given the apparent fragile nature and propensity for punctures that epitomise the modern sports bike, one would think the pristine surface of a newly-constructed cycle path would prove hugely attractive. I can only conclude that the 'fun' of cycling comes not from the riding itself, but instead from the potential to inflict the maximum amount of inconvenience and frustration possible on other road users.

The pack instinct, forging 'bromances' from riding two or three abreast, and a universally arrogant disregard for the Highway Code in general, and anything relating to the observation of traffic signals in particular, are evidently what makes riding a bike so appealing, and cannot best be indulged from the confines of a cycle path.

The legacy of installing the stretch of cycle path between the Tesco traffic lights and the Weycock Cross roundabout last year is an appalling road surface far beyond anything the 'Big Fill' initiative could possibly address.

Turning potholes into botch-holes is one thing, but this is clearly an example of a road where only total resurfacing is the answer. And yet, cyclists still prefer to bump and wobble along something akin to ploughed field rather than using the safer option they have been given.

Road access in and out of the Vale is already woefully inadequate, especially at peak times. If even a fraction of the new housing development earmarked in the LDP comes to fruition, the situation will become untenable.

Instead of squandering public money on cycle paths for the ungrateful minority, let's put available money and resources into properly maintaining and upgrading the roads we do have for everyone's benefit.

Ian Walton,
Rhoose.

How much is new cycleway costing?

I WOULD like to add to what Phillip Dawson wrote in The GEM on September 3, about the new cycleway on the road from Barry to Wenvoe.

Taking into consideration that it is taxpayers' money, how much is this cycleway costing? There are a serious number of lamp standards to shift. Is there a brave councillor who will release this information?

It took a year to build the infamous bus stop at the top of Pencoedtre Lane, which is a monument to bad planning, as it is unsafe and therefore unusable.

The traffic lights there should have been a mini roundabout for the use it gets.

Take a look at the westbound section of the Port Road, Tesco to Weycock Cross. The Highways Authority narrowed the road, took away the 'cats' eyes' and the speed camera.

At least we now have another 100 metres of unused cycleway.

This is a blind bend where cement trucks and other HGVs pull out to pass cyclists who cannot be bothered to use the new facility on the other side of the road.

You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink.

Let's not forget the area outside St Athan when 50 yards of bend were taken out of the road by the Highways Authority.

Paul Blanchard,
Barry.

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'Litter on field is disgusting'

I AM writing to say how disgusting the litter left at the Buttrills field is. I regularly walk my dogs on the field and always pick up any fouling that my dogs do.

On a Monday, the amount of empty water bottles, orange skins and general rubbish is unbelievable.

I'm sure that the people using the field for football would be the first to complain if dog walkers left their mess behind – so why don't they take their rubbish home with them?

L Williams,
Barry.

Follow the leader

ISN'T it amazing how the Shadow Welsh Secretary, Owen Smith MP, is saying that he could work with Jeremy Corbyn if he is elected the next Labour leader?

It is amazing how things can change when there is now a real chance Mr Corbyn can win.

So who will be the next MP to have a change of heart and say they could work with Jeremy Corbyn?

Coun Richard Bertin,
Barry.

'Why the silence over incinerator?'

I AM writing to express my absolute disgust at most of the Barry town and Vale councillors for their total disregard in not speaking out against the incinerator that is going to be built at the Waterfront.

Do the people who are going to buy houses there know about this?

I live in George Street and the chimney, when built, will probably be the same height as most of the houses in my street.

Also, are people aware that it is my understanding that when old woodchip boards are burnt, they can release carcinogenic fumes, which will enter the atmosphere; then when it rains, it will come down, creating acid rainfall?

This will affect Barry, Sully, Dinas Powys and Penarth. I hope people who read this will object most strongly and get in touch with their councillor to demand that this atrocity will not happen.

The representatives from Sunrise were unable to answer any questions put to them about where the wood was coming from or what would happen to all the wood ash.

E Bishop,
Barry.

Suitable site for the travellers?

HOW generous of Coun Neil Moore to acknowledge the achievements of Dyffryn Gardens and Penarth Pier (GEM, August 27) .

Quote: "We are blessed in having on our doorstep not only Dyffryn House and Gardens and Penarth Pier, but also having the Heritage Coast spanning the Vale of Glamorgan."

This being the case, how can he and the Vale Council propose in the Local Development Plan a permanent gypsy and travellers site on the disused civic amenity depot at Hayes Road, Sully?

The plan extends over the land behind the dump up to the shoreline and the Wales Coastal Pathway. This area is used at present for recreational seaside activities including fishing, boating, jet skiing etc., as well as an all tides emergency slipway.

The land lies between Ty Hafan Hospice and Beechwood College, Wales' only specialised facility for autistic spectrum disorder and Asperger's syndrome.

Surely this can't be the only land available in the whole of the Vale for a permanent gypsy and travellers' site?

As for using planning gain money (section 106 receipts) to transform unused land into a community garden and safe open spaces for families and children to play, why did the Vale Council reject a planning application for allotments on this site for the benefit of residents of Sully and students of Beechwood College?

Mr J Jones,
Sully.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
10 Thur	05.25	8.5	17.49	8.9
11 Fri	06.13	9.1	18.31	9.3
12 Sat	06.53	9.3	19.09	9.5
13 Sun	07.26	9.5	19.41	9.7
14 Mon	07.58	9.8	20.11	9.9
15 Tues	08.27	9.7	20.41	9.7
16 Wed	08.55	9.6	21.08	9.6
17 Thur	09.24	9.3	21.38	9.3

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THE WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE WAS AN 'AMAZING EXPERIENCE'

HUGH EXLEY – "an opportunity of a lifetime" in Japan.

COWBRIDGE Explorer Scout Hugh Exley has returned home after spending three weeks in Japan at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

As a member of the international service team, Hugh was part of a team of 6,000 leaders from around the world and was responsible for running the activities that make the Jamboree an enjoyable experience for the thousands of Scouts on the Jamboree site.

"It has been a fantastic opportunity to meet Scouts from around the world and experience different cultures.

"As well as working at the jamboree, I spent some time in Tokyo and climbed Mount Fuji with other IST members, before returning home.

"I would like to thank all those who have helped sponsor my trip to the Jamboree and hope that other Scouts in the Vale will take this opportunity of a lifetime," Hugh added.

Have fun with Seniors

BONVILSTON Seniors are calling on all those over-50, who like company and a lot of laughter to join their regular programme of gentle exercise, crafts, singing, speakers, lunches and trips out!

They meet weekly at the Reading Rooms in Bonvilston from 10.30am, apart from the second week of the month when they meet at The Aubrey Arms at 11am.

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Saskia and her Dad hit the heights to fund drama dream

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

A COWBRIDGE drama student has just completed an unusual challenge – a three-legged walk with her father to the top of Pen-y-Fan, the highest peak in the Brecon Beacons.

Saskia Pay, a former student at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, has been offered a place on a one-year foundation course in Acting and Musical Theatre at Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA) starting in September, which she has accepted.

Unfortunately, the course is not eligible for student finance, so Saskia is fundraising to try to raise some of the £8,950 fees. In addition, she will have to pay accommodation and living costs, which are likely to be in the region of £7,000.

For the walk, Saskia had the support of her mum and dad, Amanda and Alex. In dad's case, of course, he was Sakai's three-legged partner!

However, mum Amanda said: "It won't be easy for me either, as I suffered a permanent injury to my right foot following an accident four years ago."

During her time in Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Saskia took part in many school productions, including playing Maria in *The Sound of Music* and Beggar Woman in *Sweeney Todd*.

At LIPA, she will learn invaluable skills in acting, singing and dancing, which will help her achieve her aim of gaining a place at either LIPA or another top drama school to study a BA in acting the following academic year.

Earlier this year, Saskia successfully auditioned for the National Youth Theatre of Wales for the second year running.

She has just returned from a residency with them in Aberystwyth, and will be performing in Brecht's *Caucasian Chalk Circle* in Clwyd Theatr Cymru, Mold and The Riverfront, Newport.

If anyone would like to sponsor Saskia, visit her JustGiving page at: https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/getsaskiatodramaschool

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Harvest festival

THIS year's harvest celebration in Treoes village was indeed a great success.

An open invitation was extended to everyone to visit the chapel vestry for a cuppa and a homemade cake before the harvest service, which began at 4pm in the chapel.

The service was very well attended by Treoes residents and visitors from Llangan and St Mary Hill. Officiating minister Pastor Ken Adams brought the children to the fore to make sure they were part of the service.

At the close of the service, many enjoyed a cuppa in the vestry before proceeding to the village hall to view the various works of art, garden produce and cakes.

One magnificent specimen, a cabbage, was transported to the hall on a truck!

There were many interesting works of art and photography. My own great-granddaughter, Jasmin (age 11) won second place with a drawing of a horse.

Congratulations to Young At Heart Club member Marje Adams, who was successful with her art entries.

The Young At Heart Club reopens today, Thursday (September 10) at 1.30pm.

St Canna's news

AT St Canna's, Llangan Mr David Francis will give a talk on the history of Llangan and Treoes on September 27 at 7.30pm; entrance £2.

St Canna's Church harvest thanksgiving service will take place on Sunday, September 27 at 11.15am. A warm welcome will be extended to everyone.

The autumn fair which has become so popular, will again take place at St Canna's on Saturday morning, October 3 at 10am. More details at a later date!

Changes made to Darren Farm plans

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The spokeswoman added: "New green space will protect the setting of St Brynach's Church, and extensive open and green space, and new walking and cycling routes will be provided."

Jon Allen from CEG added: "Cowbridge is an incredibly unique place and our aim is to ensure that this development will create be an attractive place to live.

"By reducing the parcels of land proposed for development, we have been able to increase the amount of open space as well as meeting the Vale's density requirement.

"The proposals will still provide a characterful mix of low density homes, including properties for first time buyers, families and the elderly.

"This £58 million investment into Cowbridge will create 645 person-years of construction jobs, as well as permanent jobs in the new school.

"The new residents will ultimately bring an additional £9.8 million of annual spend into the shops and facilities in the area, helping to boost the local economy."

The proposals can still be viewed at www.northwestcowbridge.co.uk or residents can contact Victoria Walker on 07876 548498 for more information.

See Vale Council advert (bottom left) for information on making representations.

School is in mourning after the shock death of popular teacher

PUPILS returning to Llantwit Major Comprehensive School after the holidays, were met with the tragic news that a popular teacher had died.

Wayne Miskimmin died suddenly while on holiday in Spain, on August 28, and the school issued the following tribute.

"It is with great sadness that the school has to announce the sudden death of our valued colleague Mr Wayne Miskimmin.

"Wayne joined the school in September 2008 to teach modern foreign languages. From the outset, he immersed himself fully in school life, including accompanying pupils on a number of trips to France and Germany.

"In September 2012, he took on the role of head of year-7, which he carried out with immense enthusiasm, ensuring all students were given every opportunity to succeed in their first year of secondary school.

"In addition, he worked closely with staff and pupils from our feeder primary schools, ensuring all students in his care made a smooth transition. During this time, he was also involved in accompanying pupils to Llangrannog and also took an active part in the local community youth club for year-7 pupils.

"Wayne was a happy, cheerful, fun-loving person and particularly enjoyed making guest appearances in the school drama productions, as well as organising staff events.

"The loss of such a valued member of staff is a huge blow to both staff and students and he will be greatly missed by us all."

Mr Miskimmin came from Northern Ireland, and his funeral took place today on Tuesday, September 8, in Bangor, Co Down.

The school's headteacher, Dr Vince Browne, and two colleagues from the modern languages department, travelled to Northern Ireland to pay their respects.

His family, father and mother, Alister and Sylvia, and brothers Darren and Adam, issued the following tribute:

"You left us without warning, not even a goodbye; now we can't stop asking the reason why. We didn't see it coming, it took us by surprise, the day you left our world a part of us just died.

"Your smile brightened our day no matter what we were going through; now every day for the rest of our lives we will miss you."

Sheree is the sweetest!

ON Tuesday, September 1, members of Penllyn and District WI met for the first time after the summer holiday, and returned to news of successes in the Glamorgan Show held at Connelly in July.

These included first prize in the 'Feed the World' Cooperative and a first for Sheree Pearson, who won the 'Candyman' class with her selection of delicious sweets.

Nine members also donned their best outfits and attended a centenary garden party in Margam Orangery in July.

It was a delightful occasion and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On Tuesday evening members heard our speaker, Mrs.Yvonne Rees, tell about her parents, who at the age of 53, changed careers and became cook and butler to a number of well-known families.

They even ventured into American society at one point and it was obviously a fascinating time for them and for the rest of their family.

Members enjoyed the insight into another interesting way of life.

Later in September, members will take part in our annual treasure hunt.

This year it will be held in Porthcawl and we are all looking forward to a fish and chip supper at a well-known restaurant afterwards!

JANE EXELL

Post Office is on the horizon

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "Having pressed hard for the return of a post office to Cowbridge, I am extremely pleased that the Post Office has announced plans to re-open its Cowbridge office at a new location in the town. This is excellent news!"

The Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, called it a welcome boost for the town and people of Cowbridge.

He added: "This has not been an easy or straightforward process, but all parties involved have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure this important service was rightfully restored for local residents.

Speaker's mission to help Africa's needy

AFTER a break for the month of August, Ystradowen and District WI members gathered at the village hall to listen to a remarkable woman, who was making a return visit.

Angela Gorman is one of a team of volunteer midwives who travel to Sierra Leone and Liberia to help the women and their babies in a deprived part of Africa.

Their work was interrupted by the ebola outbreak, but they have recently been back to recommence this very necessary work. Her illustrated talk was both moving and gave yet another insight into the very different lives of women on another continent.

She told us about the joy and relief when huge consignments of baby clothes and donated medicines arrive and the difference they make to everyday life. The talk was much appreciated, as were the tea and refreshments which made for a memorable evening.

We concluded with the business of the day and once again it was stressed that we welcome visitors and new members.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 12(3) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT.

The following application has been submitted to The Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Type of Application: **Hybrid planning**
Site address: **Land at North West Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan**
Application Number: **2014/01505/OUT**

I give notice that Commercial Estates Group and Mr. J.G.R. Homfray is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for planning permission for "Detailed Permission for the construction of a link road connecting Cowbridge bypass with Llantwit Major including footpaths/cycleways landscaping and associated engineering works. Outline permission with all matters reserved other than access for a mixed use residential led development."

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement (December 2014) and Addendum (June 2015).

The proposed development would affect a right of way to which Part 3 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

The proposed development is not in accordance with the Development Plan.

Further information has now been submitted in respect of the applications which necessitate re-consultation. Please note that any comments already received in relation to the planning application will still be taken into account. The additional information includes:

- An addendum to the Environmental Statement (August 2015)
- Revised Parameter Plans and addenda to other planning documents

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement and addenda.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable working hours or on the Council's website: http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/PlaRecord.aspx?AppNo=2014/01505/OUT until 01/10/15.

Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement (including addendum) from Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners, Helmont House, Churchill Way Cardiff, CF10 2HE so long as stocks last, at a charge of £20 for a CD copy.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Operational Manager Development & Building Control at the address given below by quoting reference 2014/01505/OUT.

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Lola (*the family pet*) survives savage attack

by PHILIP IRWIN

STAFF at a Bridgend vets have been praised for saving the life of little Lola, a 15-month-old Bichon Frise, after her heart stopped three times on the operating table as she was treated after being savaged while out for an afternoon walk.

Thankfully, she has made a complete recovery and is now back home with Rebecca and David Carrington in Porthcawl, and the grim day in May when she was attacked seems a long way away.

David told The GEM: "I took Lola for a walk and we were heading towards Pink Bay when we met a man with three dogs, who chased her.

"Lola has always been a bit timid, and she adopted a submissive pose - lying on her back and exposing her belly - but one of the dogs, a Staffie, sank its teeth into her stomach.

"The owner was as shocked as I, but he was able to prise the jaws apart so I could free Lola. Her injuries looked really bad, so I dashed home, phoning Rebecca as I did.

David Carrington with Lola, now thankfully back to full health!

"She and our daughter, Tabitha, jumped in the car and they met me on the way home, and we headed straight for Shepherds Vets in Brackla, Bridgend."

There was a lot of blood on David's coat, but fortunately, the teeth had not severed an artery.When they arrived at the vets, Lola was put on a drip immediately.

Rebecca said: "It was even more upsetting for our daughter, as Tabitha was studying for her A-Levels."

Zephanie Woodward, of Shepherds Vets, told The GEM that it was decided to operate on Lola that evening.

After a while, it was felt that it would be best for the family to go home while Lola was being treated. However, it wasn't long before they received a call saying that Lola's heart had stopped.

Although it had restarted, it seemed that it would be best if the family came in to say goodbye.

Zephanie Woodward said: "There were a couple of times when we didn't think she would make it.

"Over the next two days, there two further problems. The hole in Lola's belly was about the size of a 50 pence piece and the mesh was struggling to hold her internal organs in place, and on top of that, she had picked up an ecoli infection.

"We had to operate a second time, and this time her heart stopped twice more. When we revived her and finished the surgery, she was put on the strongest anti-biotics we have, and also on morphine to deal with the pain.

"All in all, she was in our hospital for almost a month."

The drugs, together with Lola's fighting spirit, led to a steady improvement, and after some time, the hole in her belly was clear of infection and it could be closed with stitches.

FULL OF BEANS

She is home now, full of life, and the only problem she has is scar tissue close to a muscle which gives her a limp. This is being treated with laser surgery.

The Carringtons have no bitterness toward the owner of the three dogs - although it does raise the question of just when it is safe to let dogs off the lead.

What they both feel strongly about, however, is the need to get insurance for your pet.

Happily, they had taken out insurance just two weeks before the attack! The bill for the treatment stands at around £2,300!

So, Lola is home now and full of life, and the family is grateful for the medical expertise of their vet.

Halfway through August there was more good news, as Tabitha received the news that she had obtained three As at A-Level!

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PORTHCAWL PHOTOGRAPHER SNAPS UP A TWIN ACCOLADE

A PORTHCAWL photographer has had two photographs selected for a prestigious geological society's annual calendar.

Malcolm Nugent, who lives in Newton, was recently contacted by the Geologists' Association of Great Britain, to say that two of his photographs had been chosen for their 2016 calendar.

For one of the photos, Malcolm travelled to Hawaii and went out into the wilds to photograph the Haleacala Volcano on the island of Maui.

The other selected image, however, was practically on his doorstep. Malcolm had to travel all the way to Southerndown (above) to get his shot of the famous cliffs!

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Local man who lost eight stone heads for Ironman Challenge

by GEM REPORTER

ABOVE: Chris doesn't need his grey tracksuit bottoms now; he's lost eight stone and is heading for the Ironman Challenge in Tenby.

A Barry man, who has lost eight stone, is taking part in the Tenby Ironman Challenge this weekend in memory of his mother, who died of breast cancer.

Chris Thomas, aged 43, who works in the Vale Council's education department, was a hefty 22-and-a-half stone when he decided he had to do something about his excessive weight.

"I'd dieted and lost weight, and then put some of it back on – and then found out about 'Nicky Palmer Fitness' sessions and thought 'it sounds like I should go'.

"I did go, but didn't tell anyone, in case it ended up as a 'train wreck'. With Nicky's support, the weight began to fall away and I started to enjoy excercising.

"I was hooked on a new lifestyle. There was a time when I would get home, have a pizza and sit in front of the Xbox. In the end, I sold the Xbox on Ebay!

"In September 2013, I went to watch Nicky at the Ironman – there were even 60 and 70-year-olds there.

"Nicky said to me: 'Are you inspired?' The concept of me doing that seemed ludicrous."

The Ironman involves swimming, cycling and running. When Chris first started exercising, he struggled to do a run along the Knap Prom and could only manage to swim two thirds of a length.

But he joined a triathlon club in Cardiff and a running club in Barry, boosting his abilities.

On Sunday, September 13, the Ironman Challenge at Tenby will involve a swim of 2.4 miles, a bike ride of 112 miles, and a run of 26.2 miles.

Chris recently took part in an event which broke down the three components of Ironman over a weekend and he managed to do a two-and-a-half mile swim in an hour and a half. It has made him optimistic that he can complete the course, but hopes the swimming part of the triathlon won't be too choppy.

He added: "The Ironman is a personal challenge, but I also had a choice of two charities to support and chose Macmillan because my mother Jacqueline died of breast cancer. It's a very good cause and I'm raising money in her memory."

Anyone wishing to make a donation should visit *www.justgiving.com/christopherjthomas*.

LLANTWIT MAJOR RUN FOR CHARITY

The first annual Llantwit Major 10k, 5k and 1k races were staged on Saturday, August 29. Some of the runners (above) are pictured at the start and (below) relaxing after the event.

Fewer waiting for CT scans, but more wait for MRI scans

FEWER people are waiting for CT and ultrasound scans in the area served by the ABMU health boar, which includes Bridgend and the western Vale, but the number waiting for MRI scans has increased over a 12-month period.

According to information obtained by Welsh Conservative regional AM Suzy Davies, in April this year there were 2,040 people waiting for MRI scans, compared to 1,763 in April 2014.

However, progress has been made on waiting times, with patients being seen within five to seven weeks.

Welsh Government targets are eight weeks maximum waiting time, but ABMU says that 80 per cent of urgent cases are scanned and reported within 10 days.

Scanning is carried out at Bridgend's Princess of Wales, Morriston, Singleton, and Neath Port Talbot hospitals.

Welcoming the improvement in waiting times for two types of scanning, Mrs Davies was concerned about increased numbers waiting for MRI scans.

She said that the decision to introduce weekend scanning sessions at both Morriston and Princess of Wales hospitals should help deal with any backlog of outpatient cases.

"This decision follows a pilot project at Princess of Wales as a result of which funding has been found to pay for this extension in operating hours," she said.

"ABMU chairman Andrew Davies told a meeting of local AMs and MPs that the board is looking to provide diagnostic services 24/7 at its major hospitals. Having had complaints from constituents previously, I am pleased that they have started along this long road.

"Unfortunately, I understand that they are having difficulty in recruiting the extra staff they need like sonographers and radiologists.

"I would be interested to know from Wales' Health Minister Mark Drakeford about the training in Wales for these health professionals; why workforce planning seems to have missed the mark; why it is still so difficult to recruit across a number of disciplines in Wales – and whether, as some would like – more diagnostic responsibility could be given to radiologists themselves."

Green light for test drilling in St Nicholas

AN environmental permit has been issued for an exploratory oil and gas borehole in St Nicholas in the Vale.

The permit, issued by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to Coastal Oil and Gas Limited to drill in a field between the A4266 and Dyffryn, contains clauses to ensure that waste such as rock and soil is recovered or disposed of in a way that protects the environment and local communities.

It does not allow the company to conduct any hydraulic fracturing ('fracking') or to extract any oil or gas.

The drilling and testing operations and work to reinstate the land should last no longer than 12 months.

A spokesperson from NRW said: "It's important that any activity of this kind doesn't harm the environment, and this permit makes it clear what Coastal Oil and Gas Limited will need to do to comply with this.

"Before making the decision, we carried out a thorough assessment of their plans and consulted with specialist organisations.

"Once the work begins, our officers will regulate and monitor the site to ensure it complies with the conditions of the permit."

The Vale Council has already granted planning permission for the exploratory drilling.

Local girls cut hair for cancer charity

REPORTby PHILIP IRWIN

The girls before (above) .....and after.

TWO girls from Ewenny have sacrificed their hair to raise money for a children's cancer charity.

Their efforts have already raised more than £200, and their hair has also been donated to make wigs for children undergoing cancer treatment.

Ava and Gwen Wegner have now have shorter haircuts, and their proud mother, Lindsey, told The GEM what happened: "On August 27, Ava (six) and Gwen (14) had their beautiful long hair cut by Leon Caddy, who owns The Lounge on Merthyr Mawr Road in Bridgend.

"Gwen wanted to donate her hair after reading a leaflet about the Little Princess Trust while we were in diabetic clinic having Gwen's quarterly check-up a few weeks ago, and Ava wanted to join her big sister.

"As Ava has only ever had her hair trimmed three or four times, it was a big step!

"The Little Princess Trust makes wigs from real hair for children who have lost their own, due to cancer treatment.

"So far, the girls have raised £200, with donations still coming through. On the JustGiving page, if you type in Lindsey Wegner, you will find our page.

"Needless to say, myself and their dad Simon, are incredibly proud of both of our girls."

IMAGES by HEATHER MARCH

Tractor run in loving memory of Nick Jones

A CLASSIC tractor road run is taking place in memory of local farmer Nick Jones, who died in an accident recently.

It is on Sunday, September 20, at 10am, starting from Llanilid Farm, Pencoed (CF35 5LA).

Entry is £10 per tractor/vehicle/4x4, an approximate 25-mile run; there will be a raffle too.

A spokesman explained: "We hope people will give generously. The proceeds will go in a trust fund for Nick's two young children."

Light refreshments will be available at the start, with lunch in Brackla Break Cafe at 2.45pm.

Further information is available from Wayne Griffiths, on 07866 495064.

YOUNG FARMERS' 80th BIRTHDAY!

WICK & District Young Farmers Club are celebrating their 80th year – after being founded in 1935 at the Village Hall.

We are the longest running club in Wales; we are a small but mighty club, and are looking for new members to join us and see all the wonderful opportunities Young Farmers can offer.

Wick & District YFC is part of Glamorgan county, which has seven clubs in total. We meet every Tuesday evening at Wick Village Hall. Everyone is welcome – you don't have to be a farmer in fact you don't have to know anything about farming, all you need is a sense of adventure and a love of the countryside!

Led by young people, for young people, Young Farmers' Clubs provide anyone aged 10 to 26 with a fantastic chance to meet lifelong friends, learn new skills, make a real difference to the local community, and even travel the world! **KH**

'£15 charge to dump rubbish is out of order'

says expectant Dad – as council cuts bite

by GEM REPORTER

A man from St Athan has told The GEM he was shocked to be told by the Vale Council that he would have to pay £15 a time to take rubbish to the refuse and recyling depot at Llandow.

Joe Barnes (34) and his wife are expecting their first child, so Sian has told Joe he's got to get the house ready for the baby!

Joe explained: "We're having a refurbishment in preparation for the baby, who is due in November.

"I want to get rid of things like plasterboard and doors using my van, but I've been told it's £15 a time, which covers the cost of admin and help in taking away the rubbish at the site."

In the past, the service was free. Joe said a permit system allowed five loads each month which were ticked off each time a resident made a visit to the recycling plant.

"I think it is discriminating against people who don't have cars. People can turn up with people carriers and the seats down, and that's okay, but I have to pay £15 because I have a van."

Joe said he is undertaking work on the house for three weeks, and insisted: "We pay enough in council tax and should get this service free."

But the Vale Council explained that it was having to save over more than £8million a year over the next three years.

Coun Gwyn John, the cabinet member for visible services, said: *"The Vale Council, like all other local authorities in Wales, is experiencing unprecedented budgetary pressures.*

"The council must make over £25m of savings in the next three years – while also continuing to deliver the services that we know our residents need and value.

"As a result, it has been necessary to introduce a number of new services charges since April 2015.

"The introduction of a charge to cover the cost of issuing van and trailer permits to take household waste to the council's household waste recycling centres is an example of this.

"The permits themselves have been required for many years.

"As there is no direct additional cost to the council where householders use their cars to deliver their waste to our recycling centres, there is no cost to car users."

Coun John added: *"The impact of the charges introduced in April 2015 is being regularly reviewed, and their impact on use of our services will be reported in due course."*

'We're going to live forever'

LLANTWIT MAJOR Comprehensive pupils are putting on the high-energy 1980s classic musical Fame – The Musical next week (September 16/17)

Set during the last years of New York City's celebrated High School for the Performing Arts on 46th Street, Fame – The Musical is a bittersweet but ultimately inspiring story of a diverse group of students as they commit to four years of gruelling artistic and academic work.

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Homework Club takes a break with sunny day out!

Getting close up and personal with Buzz the owl are Joe Grinter, Laiyla Jones and Maddie Minchinton, with Mark Thomas from the Welsh Hawking Centre.

CHILDREN and volunteers from the Vale Parent/Child Homework Club enjoyed summer sunshine (and showers) on a fun day out – thanks to Aberthaw Cement Plant.

It was arranged as part of a community partnership with the Tarmac team, and 59 children, parents and helpers at the start of the autumn term.

The Vale Parent/Child Homework club supports around 70 local Vale children and their families with homework classes for the children and lifelong learning support for parents and other family members.

The club is soon to celebrate its third anniversary and in just three years has gone from supporting a handful of children from Rhoose to a membership that spans the Vale and is still growing.

The group spent the morning at the Amelia Trust Farm and the Welsh Hawking Centre.

Vale Council tops the local authority table!

THE Vale Council has been ranked the joint highest performing council in the country, according to figures from Data Unit Wales.

The council was ranked in the top group of authorities for 48 per cent of the comparable performance indicators, with eight of those indicators ranked the best in Wales, making it one of the two joint best overall performers in the country.

Half of the 46 national performance indicators showed the Vale improved on last year's results, with 18 per cent achieving the best results possible, an improvement of four per cent on 2013/14.

Schools in the Vale came out as a particular success, with 10 of the 11 performance indicators for education achieving higher than the Welsh average.

During 2014/15, just over 62 per cent of pupils aged 15 in the Vale achieved the Level 2 threshold, the second highest result in Wales, and no children in the Vale left school without at least one approved external qualification, including pupils within local authority care.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the council, said: "We are obviously pleased that we are one of the top performing authorities in Wales, particularly at a time of increasing uncertainty in local government and budget pressures.

"These results demonstrate that, despite talk of local government reorganisation and the perceived benefits of larger councils, the focus in the Vale has been on continuing to deliver high quality services to meet the needs of our citizens."

Coun Moore continued: "However, we cannot be complacent. We realise our services have a direct impact on the lives of people in the Vale, so we need to sustain and where possible improve our performance across a range of essential services."

Council plea on recycling

VALE residents were urged this week by the Vale Council waste chiefs to "please help us reduce contamination".

They said recycling figures for August are showing unusually high levels of contamination in the mixed kerbside recycling collected in the Vale, with food waste and textiles the main culprits.

Also featured in the latest report were unemptied or unrinsed plastic bottles, nappies, and garden waste.

"Food containers not being cleaned, or discarded food being wrongly put in the mixed recycling, could be the main causes of food contamination," said Clifford Parish, operational manager for waste management and cleansing.

"Vale residents are excellent recyclers. However, this latest trend does show that we must continue to help everyone with their waste and ensure we don't undo the good work already done by thousands of households.

"Contamination causes several issues, and ultimately when waste is added to the recycling, our processors reject the material and send it to landfill, which is unsustainable.

"A quick sort to see if the right items are going into the different recycling services, followed by a wash – and squash if space is an issue – could solve most contamination issues."

Visit the A to Z of recycling guide on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website: http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/environment/recycling_and_waste/recycling/a_to_z_of_recycling/a_to_z_of_recycling.aspx.

RNLI LIFEGUARDS STAND DOWN – WITH SAFETY MESSAGE

SUNDAY (September 6) was the last day that RNLI lifeguards were on duty at Whitmore Bay on Barry Island, Southerndown, Ogmore and Llantwit Major beaches.

Despite a lack of consistent sunshine, there have been a good numbers of visitors to the county's beaches during the summer and RNLI lifeguards have provided safety advice and assistance to thousands of beachgoers.

A spokesman said: "They have also been involved in a variety of rescues and incidents, from rescuing two teenagers drifting out in a rip current at Llantwit Major, to assisting a man who suffered burns near Whitmore Bay.

"Lifeguards also dealt with a high number of first aid incidents. They carry a range of first aid equipment, including oxygen, spinal boards, a defibrillator, and drugs to treat a range of acute conditions, plastic airways, a burns kit and fracture straps."

RNLI Lifeguard manager Stuart Thompson said: "I would like to thank all the lifeguards who once again provided a first class safety service on the county's beaches this summer.

"The majority of our lifeguards' work is preventative, so as well as the rescues and incidents they were involved in, they will have stopped many more potentially dangerous incidents before they occurred.

"From now on, there will be no red and yellow flags flying at these beaches, which means there's no lifeguard service operating.

"People visiting the beaches after this can help keep themselves safe by taking note of the safety signage at the entrance to the beach, going with a friend or telling someone on the shore where they are going, at the same time always being aware of the conditions and their own capabilities in the water."

Matt Horton, RNLI senior lifeguard manager, added: 'The next few weeks will see the autumn equinox and the big tides which accompany that, so people walking on the coast should always check the tide times before setting out and carry a means of communication.

"Autumn and winter usually see bigger swells which mean more unpredictable rip currents in the water.

"Unfortunately we saw a number of incidents this year in Wales where people who went in to try and help others in the water got into difficulty themselves.

"The RNLI's advice is not to enter the water if you see someone in trouble but rather to call 999 and ask for the coastguard."

PACT meetings

BUTTRILLS PACT at Barry Town Council Offices, Gladstone Road, Barry (side of the Memorial Hall) on Thursday, September 10 at 6.30pm.

WENVOE Coffee and Chat at Wenvoe Community Centre, Old Port Road, Wenvoe, on Sunday, September 13 between 10am and 12 noon.

BARUC PACT at All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Barry, on Monday, September 14 at 7pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT at Youlden House, Fairoaks, Dinas Powys, on Monday, September 14 at 7pm.

BARUC – Meet your local officers at ASDA, The Waterfront, Barry, on Thursday, September 17 between 1pm and 5pm.

PETERSTON SUPER ELY – Meet your local officer at Peterston Community Hall on Tuesday, September 22 between 2pm and 3pm.

PLYMOUTH PACT at Brockhill Rise Community Centre on Wednesday, September 23 at 7pm.

SULLY PACT at the Cricket Pavilion, Burnham Avenue, Sully, on Thursday, September 24 at 6.30pm.

DYFAN – Meet your local offocers at Tesco stores, Stirling Road, Barry, on Monday, September 28 between 1pm and 4pm.

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'We in Britain will act with heart and head throughout this crisis'

Vale MP
Alun Cairns
reports to GEM readers

LIKE many others, I have been moved by the horrific scenes of death and destruction in Syria since the civil war started in 2011.

The sheer scale of suffering has been brought into focus in recent weeks through coverage of the refugee crisis.

I for one, am proud that Britain is doing its part to help displaced people in the region and look forward to action to end the conflict.

Britain has already done more than any other European Country to alleviate the humanitarian crisis by using the foreign aid budget to fund refugee camps in the region.

These camps are providing food and shelter to refugees fleeing from immediate danger to the first safe country they reach. The level of UK overseas aid spending is often criticised because, at over 0.7 per cent of GDP, the UK spends more on it than any other major advanced economy.

I have always defended this policy and the refugee crisis over recent weeks demonstrates why it is so important.

Positive action in the country concerned not only prevents loss of life but also helps build sustainable communities in the developing world, reducing migration pressures. Many of those being kept safe in these UK-funded camps are young women and orphans who have escaped some of the worst situations imaginable.

The Prime Minister was right to prioritise these groups, the most vulnerable refugees, for asylum in Britain. We all have a part to play.

The UK government recognises that the ultimate solution to the refugee crisis is to end the terror of the Assad regime and the barbarism of the so-called Islamic State. This is a debate that we will return to over the coming weeks and months.

Policies have to be developed across Europe that do not encourage people to put their lives at risk by crossing the Mediterranean Sea, yet the current situation needs to be resolved.

Some call for an open door policy to meet the needs of those in Greece, Hungary and Austria, amongst other nations.

This potentially exacerbates the situation by encouraging more to risk their lives to cross the ocean rather than moving towards the refugee camps that have been established by the UN, supported by the UK.

I'm proud that Britain is a compassionate nation. We have already done more than any country in the world, apart from the United States, to provide shelter and safety to Syrian refugees in the region.

Now we will welcome those who most deserve our help to our shores. Long term solutions are needed across Europe and I hope a consensus will develop across Parliament to take action where it is needed most.

After all, taking no action can also have horrific consequences.

I have faith that we in Britain will continue to act with heart and head throughout this humanitarian crisis.

THE SOCIAL AND SERIOUS FACES OF LOCAL LIONS

THE summer has been a little different for the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions, who had an unexpected break in August, as they could not attend the Vale Show due to problems with their main attractions and difficulty in getting people to man the pitch.

Hopefully, these issues will be resolved shortly and the Lions will be back in full swing, not only at the Vale Show but at other events as well!

Apart from the issues during August the rest of the summer went well, with a successful Cowbridge May Fair and a good day at the Llantwit Major Victorian Fayre.

The social side of the club has also been very successful this year, with many events for members, partners and friends. They took a small break in August, but the social team are now busy planning events for the period up to Christmas.

The Lions are a purely voluntary organisation which means that all money raised can be distributed to local good causes. The most recent of these are a donation to Ralph Austin, an ex-mayor of Llantwit Major, for his tandem parachute jump on September 12 in aid of the Welsh Air Ambulance and a donation to the Vale Foodbank towards replacement of their van, which was stolen recently.

Requests for donations are always welcome by the Lions, which are considered by the club members and awarded on merit.

The Lions also get requests for help in other ways.

September sees the club back in action with the return of the diabetes screening sessions on September 26 in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

These sessions are completely free to anyone age 16 years or above, carried out by qualified diabetes nurses, and the results are available straightaway.

The tests are done between 10am and 12.30pm and anyone coming along for a test should not eat or drink anything other than water for at least two hours before the test. There will also be a coffee morning, with proceeds going to Macmillan Nurses.

Also on September 26 the Lions will be holding a secondhand booksale, weather permitting, in the precinct Llantwit Major between 10am and 4pm. If anyone wishes to donate good quality books, contact 0845 8336763, email: info@lmandclions.org.uk, or visit their website at www.lmandclions.org.uk. Facebook: www.facebook.com/lmandclions'

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Park Funeral help out RNLI

PARK Funeral Directors of Tynewydd Road, Barry are currently promoting the RNLI with a window display.

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SYRIAN REFUGEES CRISIS CALLS FOR EUROPE-WIDE SOLUTION

'Repatriation must be long-term objective'

by
DR ALTAF HUSSAIN
Welsh Conservative regional Assembly Member for South Wales West

THE generosity we have seen from the people of south Wales in response to the Syrian refugee crisis has been phenomenal.

It has proven – if proof be needed – that the proud British tradition of helping those in the direst of circumstances in their hour of greatest need is alive and well.

It has also made a mockery of those who may have sought to use this crisis as a stepping-stone to bring the issues of economic migration and – dare I say – 'Islamophobia' – to the forefront of debate.

That is not the question at hand, and it is to our collective credit that this narrative has not been allowed to take hold.

It is absolutely right that we must do all within our power to help in whatever ways we can – as a society of individuals, and as a state. Andrew RT Davies, the leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the Welsh Assembly, is completely correct to say that the United Kingdom must take its fair share of refugees.

However, we cannot allow our most sincere of intentions to become the enemy of logic – and ultimately the enemy of a solution.

Mr Davies is, therefore, also correct to say that we must deal with the problem at its source.

In a sense, we are forever walking a tightrope. Nobody would question the imperative to rescue those who need to be rescued. But at the same time, we cannot send out the message that if you risk life and limb to get to the UK – by any means available – then you will arrive at the ultimate nirvana, your every problem now gone away.

Sending such a message effectively makes us collaborators – strategic partners if you will – with the criminals who are so cruelly exploiting the situation we face.

We cannot risk the entrenchment of perverse incentives, which will simply result in yet more horrific deaths whilst people-traffickers get rich through the misery of the desperate.

Our aid efforts must be focused on those in UNHCR camps and must not be allowed to undermine the Dublin Regulation.

This aims to "determine rapidly the Member State responsible for an asylum claim", and makes provision for the transfer of an asylum seeker to that member state.

The problem calls for a Europe-wide solution. This does not mean the same thing as 'quotas' – but means acting in accordance with the principles of 'Dublin' and making sure that the burden is fairly and legally shared.

What is now the EU was founded on the premise that war – and the fallout – must never again tear Europe apart.

This crisis will test 'Europe', its institutions and its political will to make them 'work', to the limits. Failure to deliver a European solution risks undermining the credibility of the whole European ideal.

The need for border controls has never been clearer. Unless you can contain and quantify a problem, you cannot take the steps needed to deal with it. Britain's decision to remain outside the Shengen Agreement now looks incontrovertibly to have been the correct one – as the scenes witnessed at Hungary's railway stations seem to bear out.

Where there is no border control, there is mass panic and chaos.

We must deal with the issue at hand, but repatriation has to be the long-term objective. For this to be viable, we must ensure that enough of the physical, political and economic infrastructure of Syria is preserved, so there is the prospect of a good life for these people one day to return to.

If that means troops on the ground, then this is a decision we cannot duck any longer. The war in Syria no longer belongs to a faraway land, but is literally on our doorstep.

Our compassion is to be lauded, but with it comes a time when we also face tough choices.

Sound system: FREE LOAN

GVS (Glamorgan Voluntary Services) has recently acquired a sound system complete with 160 watt speakers, amplifier, mixer and four mics ideal for small events such as AGMs, which is free on loan to GVS members.

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Contact GVS at Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry, on 01446 741706; email: enquiries@gvs.wales.

Top tradesperson

SCREWFIX, which has stores in Barry, Bridgend and Cardiff, is launching its annual competition to recognise the best builders, electricians, handymen, plumbers and other businesses.

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Join the Big Knit-athon!

Nimble fingered knitters are to 'get creative' and knit small hats for Age Cymru and Innocent's Big Knit, to help older people keep warm and well in winter.

The annual 'knit-athon' will see knitters making little woollen bobble hats that will appear on Innocent smoothie bottles in stores nationwide in February 2016.

Age Cymru will receive a 25p donation for every hat knitted by residents. This will go towards helping older people keep warm and well in winter.

Richard Nicholls, head of income generation at Age Cymru said: "The Big Knit is back for its 12th year and we hope knitters in the area join in and help us create as many hats as possible.

"The colder months of the year can be really tough for many older people who can face difficulties protecting themselves from the harsh winter weather.

That's why it's so important that local knitters get behind The Big Knit to help raise funds for local winter services.

"It's easy to get involved in The Big Knit – we've got knitting patterns anyone can use – from beginner, to intermediate to advanced knitters. We've even got a watermelon pattern, a pineapple pattern and a grapes pattern for our budding knitters – the sky is the limit!"

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IN BRIEF

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Valeways walks

ON Saturday, September 12 at 2pm *Uchelolau* – the Highlight Trail walk: meet at Merthyr Dyfan Road post office CF62 9TG.

September 14 at 11am – a Dyffryn to St Lythans circular walk, from Dyffryn House car park.

September 15 '*Crwdro*' – meet at Y Bontfaen Llyfrgell (Cowbridge Library) CF71 7AH at 10am.

September 16, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at 10.30am in Cosmeston Visitor Centre CF64 5UY.

Book launch

WHODUNNIT writer Ann Cleeves will launch her latest novel *The Moth Catcher* at All Saints Church, Penarth, at 2.30pm on September 24 (organised by Griffin Books).

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Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. *'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'*

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Eye test reveals local child's brain tumour

THE mother of a six-year-old boy who was diagnosed with a brain tumour following a routine eye test is urging parents to get their children's eyes tested.

Tanya Phibben from Mountain Ash took her son Iestyn to a routine eye test at his local Specsavers when the optician picked up a blur on his optic nerve. Following a referral to the University Hospital of Wales (UHW), Cardiff, Iestyn was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board is urging parents to ensure their child's eye health is high on the list, as a visit to your local optician is not just important in order to check your child's sight, but it can also pick up a number of health conditions.

Iestyn had been suffering with headaches and general tiredness, and his left eyelid was droopy. Tests carried out revealed he had a swelling of the optic nerve head.

He was referred to consultant neurosurgeon Dr M Imran Bhatti at UHW, who carried out a 15-hour operation with his skull base neurosurgical colleague, Miss Caroline Hayhurst, to remove the tumour from this delicate area.

Dr Bhatti said: "Although this tumour grows very slowly, it could be life threatening due to its critical location. It causes pressure on the brainstem, the area which controls important functions like breathing and the heart etc. It can also cause a build-up of fluid in the brain by blocking its normal flow.

"The tumour was completely removed during the intricate operation, except a little bit that was left along the facial nerve to avoid Iestyn having facial weakness. His overall prognosis from this tumour is good, as it was benign and he is having regular check-ups.

"It is very rare to have this specific tumour, especially one of that size, at Iestyn's young age, so this could have been something he was born with. However, an abnormality being picked up at a routine eye test has helped us to treat his condition."

Tanya Phibben said; "I hope that Iestyn's story can raise awareness of how important regular eye tests are. I will always ensure that Iestyn and his sister have regular eye tests, and if he hadn't gone to the opticians that day, his tumour may still be undetected."

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Homecraft section of the Vale Show says 'thank you'

CHAIRPERSON Jan Rees was thrilled with the high standard of entries in the homecraft section of the Vale Show and would like to take this opportunity to thank all who entered competitions, and to congratulate the winners.

A special thanks to the committee and the extra 'stand in stewards' making the day run smoothly.

A raffle is held in the Homecraft Marquee every year and it is the chairperson's privilege to choose a charity of her choice.

The grand total of £519.91 was sent to Prostate Cymru. Thank you everyone for your support.

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A Conservative AM hits at the 'culture of complacency'

NEWS that the number of NHS patients waiting over 36 weeks for treatment within the ABMU Health Board area has increased nearly seven fold – from 848 in 2011, to 5,467 in 2015 – has drawn an angry reaction from a regional Welsh Conservative AM, Dr Altaf Hussain.

The former consultant in the Welsh NHS has hit out at what he calls a "culture of complacency and excuses" within the Welsh Government and the ABMU.

Dr Hussain said: "An increase of this magnitude, year on year, is indicative of a major problem with the way our NHS is run in Wales. Patients' lives are on hold while awaiting potentially life-changing treatment; with one in seven people in Wales now on some type of NHS waiting list, this is a problem that is likely to impact on all of us in some way.

"The concerns about our health are obvious – but this also has a knock-on effect on our productivity and our schooling. The knock-on effect of this bottle-neck on the Welsh economy cannot be underestimated.

"As we know, staff morale in our Welsh NHS is at an all time low and I am sickened by a recent report suggesting that our hardworking doctors and nurses feel too intimidated to speak out.

"One of the big problems facing the NHS in Wales is the recruitment of new doctors. Successive Welsh Government initiatives have failed to produce measurable improvements with regard to this."

An ABMU spokeswoman said: "ABMU Health Board and all its staff are not complacent when it comes to the care and treatment of patients.

"It is well documented that the NHS as a whole has been experiencing unprecedented and sustained levels of intense pressure.

"In particular, we are seeing high levels of very sick patients, many of them older people, plus patients referred as clinically urgent which means, due to the urgency of their condition, they are seen before our routine patients.

"For example, in December 2014 the Princess of Wales Hospital saw a rise of over 20 per cent in the number of patients aged 75+ being admitted compared with the same time in 2013.

"Patients who are older and very sick usually need longer in hospital and it is only right they receive hospital care for whatever length of time it is needed. Naturally, this can mean delays in admitting other patients onto wards.

"All our staff are working extremely hard and we are very grateful to them.

"We sincerely apologise to all patients and their families who wait longer than we would like for their treatment, and thank them for their patience and support.

"Currently, over 90 per cent of our patients are seen in under 36 weeks. We have plans in place to reduce this which are already having an impact.

"We appreciate the knock-on effect Dr Hussain refers to and this is why our new partnership project 'ARCH' (A Regional Collaboration for Health), looks not only at healthcare services but also education and the economy.

"The health board encourages staff to communicate any concerns they have. 'Raising Concerns' is an ABMU scheme allowing staff to raise issues in a number of ways, including by a dedicated text or voicemail. It is in addition to formal whistle-blowing procedures.

"The health board is actively recruiting medical staff using both the British Medical Journal, NHS Jobs and its own website. In addition, it has participated in initiatives such as the Medical Training Initiative Scheme, which allows overseas postgraduate doctors to train and work in the UK for a period of two years.

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Heather Hancock, Steve Powell and Nigel Jeffries present the storytelling chair to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales.

Offenders hand children's chair for storytelling over to hospital

YOUNG patients at Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales will soon be treated to storytelling sessions, thanks to the handiwork of offenders.

A 6ft-high hand-crafted wooden storytelling chair has been donated to the Cardiff children's hospital by Wales Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) in the foyer of the £64 million hospital and will provide a focal point for storytelling and entertainment sessions for the children.

The chair was made at Wales CRC's Community Payback workshops in Lewis Street, Canton, Cardiff, by offenders carrying out unpaid work as part of their community sentences. It was crafted from recycled pine wood salvaged from a school adventure playground and took two offenders 150 hours to make.

Wales CRC's workshop manager Steve Powell said: "Under the guidance of community payback supervisors Nigel Jeffries and Mark Skyrme, the offenders learned carpentry skills and made an impressive bespoke chair which would cost thousands of pounds to buy.

"By donating it to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital, they are giving something back to the community," he added.

BLIND CAT ZENGA HAS FOUND A NEW HOME!

Emma Howell with Zenga.

LITTLE blind cat Zenga, who featured in last week's GEM, has found a new home.

Sue Dobbs, Cats Protection Adoption Centre manager, said: "We had a lot of people getting in touch to adopt Zenga, and she has now been adopted.

"Her new owner is Emma Howell, who felt empathy with Zenga, having had detached retinas herself in the past.

"She is now looking forward to getting to know her and making her part of her family."

Cats Protection, Bridgend Adoption Centre is at Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin, Bridgend, CF32 9UJ; 01656 724396; email bridgend.manager @cats.org.uk; website http://bridgend.cats.org.uk Visit our pages at www.facebook.com/cpbridgend.

'No fracking in the Vale' – AM

FOLLOWING news that Coastal Oil and Gas will be test drilling for shale gas in the Vale, local AM Jane Hutt said this week: "I am strongly opposed to fracking and do not want to see it happen in the Vale of Glamorgan.

"I am encouraged, therefore, that the Labour Welsh Government issued a direction earlier this year imposing a moratorium on local planning authorities approving planning applications for fracking.

"This is in stark contrast to the UK Government, which recently announced its plans to fast-track fracking applications in England."

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

FRIENDS R US and the Tynewydd Inn, Tynewydd Road, Barry, are holding their third Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday, September 16, from 10am till 12.30pm, with a raffle and stalls.

LONG DISTANCE CHARITY BICYCLE RIDE RAISED £7,500 FOR HOSPICE

In the picture are: Patrick Wall, Hussain Rubban, Mark Rowlands, Simon Lock, Mark Gadsby and Arthur Rzepala.

FIVE cyclists and a support vehicle driver, all employees at Royal Mail's Penarth Road depot, took part in a sponsored ride from Edinburgh to the hospice in Penarth – to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

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Cowbridge is set to welcome music festival for 6th year

COWBRIDGE Music Festival celebrates its sixth year this month with nine concerts, more than 40 musicians, two days of masterclasses and five school performances: a feast of diverse music in the Vale of Glamorgan's historic market town.

Opening the nine-day event on September 17 is cello octet Cellophony. Recent graduates of London's Guildhall, this groundbreaking ensemble fuse eight cellos into one powerful sound. Their critically acclaimed debut *Vibrez*, released last autumn, features elegant re-workings of key romantic classical repertoire.

CMF's Young Artist for 2015 is 16-year-old Cardiff violinist Charlie Lovell-Jones. After acing his Grade 8 exam at the age of nine, he went on to lead the National Children's Orchestra for three years, and as a soloist has appeared with the BBC NOW and English Chamber Orchestra.

Clarinettist Julian Bliss makes two appearances at this year's festival. The first, a classical collaboration with Irish soprano Ailish Tynan, winner of the Rosenblatt Prize at BBC Cardiff Singer of the World; the second a celebration of Afro-Cuban and Brazilian rhythms with his acclaimed latin-jazz septet.

Founded in Geneva in 2009, Camerata Alma Viva is one of the most exciting string ensembles to emerge in recent years. Performing Mozart and Shostakovich alongside Jimi Hendrix, these 16 young virtuosi from across Europe break the barriers of the traditional concert, inspired by Gabor Takacs and the Hungarian School of quartet-playing.

The festival takes its first steps into singer-songwriter territory this year with 20-year-old Greta Isaac from Cowbridge.

Greta's first EP *Down by the Water* received wide acclaim and embodies her love of folk and Americana, and ballads of Randy Newman, Billy Joel and Joni Mitchell.

London-based Alice Zawadzki, a jazz singer, composer and violinist brings to Cowbridge her latest project *Songs To The Moon*.

Luminous settings of lunar-themed material spanning folkloric music, classical lyricism and spacious jazz will be brought to life by the kaleidoscopic sounds of guitarist Alex Roth and profound sonority of cellist Alice Purton.

In a separate patron's concert on November 12, violinist and CMF patron Nicola Benedetti will perform with her trio: pianist Alexei Grynyuk and cellist Leonard Elschenbroich.

We're really excited to be expanding our programme this year, enriching our core classical repertoire with jazz, electro-acoustic and folk. We hope there'll be something for the whole community.

The festival's Community Outreach Programme gives children the opportunity to experience up-close live performances by renowned musicians; to try out instruments, ask questions and chat with the performers; and be inspired to take up instruments themselves.

So far, CMF artists have played for over 6,000 pupils in 15 schools.

Events are free and range from 'taster' performances from the main programme to fully interactive workshops.

Cowbridge Music Festival runs from September 17-25 at various venues in Cowbridge; www.cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk; Twitter: @CowbridgeMusic; Facebook: facebook.com/cowbridgemusicfestival; Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cowbridgemusicfestival.

Mary Elliott-Rose,
Artistic Director

VILLAGERS RENEW THEIR FAIRTRADE CREDENTIALS!

DINAS POWYS has successfully renewed its Fairtrade Village status for two years – following its ongoing commitment to promoting Fairtrade principles.

It celebrated the achievement at the Village Show on Saturday, with a '3D directory' highlighting Fairtrade products available in local shops and cafés and Fairtrade freebies for everyone who got involved. The village was first awarded Fairtrade status in 2010 in recognition of its strong support and the achievement of five qualifying goals, such as a wide availability of Fairtrade products in local shops and catering outlets, high levels of support from local people, businesses, the council, churches and schools.

Group spokesperson Cathie Jackson said: "There was a buzz at the Fairtrade stand all afternoon, and villagers were interested to see the newest items in the village, such as spices in Nisa Local and wooden toys from Shutterhire Gift Boutique. We are looking forward to seeing the results of a survey to discover which are the most popular Fairtrade products the villagers would love to buy."

To get involved in the Fairtrade campaign at Dinas Powys, visit the Facebook page, Twitter @DPfairtrade or email dinaspowysfairtrade@gmail.com.

Samaritans Cymru urge the young to 'seek help'

TO coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day today (Thursday, September 10), Samaritans Cymru has launched DEAL (Developing Emotional Awareness and Listening) to encourage young people to seek help when needed.

Many young people in Wales possess negative attitudes towards mental health difficulties among peers and avoid seeking help with their emotional problems.

The bilingual set of free teaching resources follows a report by the Childhood Wellbeing Research Centre that children with higher levels of emotional, behavioural and social wellbeing have, on average, higher levels of academic achievement and are more engaged in their education.

A Samaritans Cymru spokesperson said that while suicide is a rare event, it is a major cause of death in teenage years. "In Wales, we are witnessing a significant rise in factors which can contribute to suicidal intent. Self-harm, admissions for eating disorders and referrals to mental health services across Wales are currently at a record high for children and young people in Wales.

"While the causes of suicide are complex, these factors can increase the risk of emotional distress and rates of suicide in young people. Preventative measures, such as teaching and building emotional resilience in educational settings could increase help seeking behaviour and reduce the number of young people experiencing emotional distress."

To find out more about DEAL, visit www.samaritans.org/DEAL.

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Cheaper bus travel for 16 to 18-year-olds

YOUNG people aged 16 to 18 can sign up for a new discounted travel pass that lets them save a third off the price of an adult bus fare.

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For full details on how to apply, visit www.gov.wales/mytravelpass or call 0300 200 22 33.

TRACTOR ROAD RUN

A 25-MILE tractor road run will be held on Sunday, September 20 in memory of Nick Jones, starting from Llanilid Farm, Pencoed CF35 5LA; registration of tractors from 9.30am.

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Lib Dem advice surgeries

WELSH Liberal Democrat Assembly Member for south Wales west, Peter Black, will hold advice surgeries on Friday, September 11 at Pencoed Library (2pm-3pm) and Porthcawl Library (3.30pm-4.30pm.

No appointment is necessary.

Dyfan Councillors' surgery

AN advice surgery will be held on Saturday, September 12, by Dyfan Ward councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell at Buttrills Community Centre on North Walk, Barry from 10am – 11am. No appointment is necessary.

Advice surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery at the Community Room, The County Library, King Square, Barry from 11am until 12 midday on Saturday, September 12, to discuss any council issues or concerns with councillors Dr Ian Johnson, Steffan Wiliam, Nic Hodges and Shirley Hodges. No appointments are necessary.

Choir needs singers!

THE choir of Barry All Saints requires singers to continue its choral tradition.

New choirmaster, James Bull, reported that tenors and basses are in short supply.

The choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and sings the parish services on a Sunday. Plans for the future include a visit to Llandaff Cathedral and other venues.

For further information, contact James Bull at allsaintsmusic@sky.com

Merched y Wawr

A REMINDER that the first meeting of the season of Merched y Wawr (a Welsh speaking ladies' group) takes place on Monday, September 14, at 7.30pm at the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge. The topic of the evening is 'A Treasure'. New members welcome, for further details, call 01656 766967.

Nodyn i'ch atgoffa fod cyfarfod cyntaf y tymor o Merched y Wawr yn cymryd lle ar Ddydd Llun, Medi 14 am 7.30 y nos yn Y Neuadd Lai, Y Bontfaen. Thema'r noswaith yw 'Trysor'. Croeso cynnes i aelodau newydd. Manylion pellach 01656 766967.

NFU Cymru meeting

LOCAL farmers are invited to the next Glamorgan NFU Cymru county meeting on Tuesday, September 15, at St Mary's Hill Hotel and Golf Club, Pencoed.

Starting at 7.30pm, John Davies, deputy president of NFU Cymru, will outline the latest developments on CAP, the Wales RDP and the work of the union in terms of promoting Welsh lamb and milk this summer.

Abi Reader, Glamorgan NFU Cymru county chairman, said: "We are extremely grateful to John Davies for agreeing to come and speak at the meeting. With so much happening in the industry at present, I would encourage you all to come along to get the latest news.

"It is open to all members and I hope we get a good turnout."

Library events

THE following events are taking place at Cowbridge library:

Digital drop-ins – if you need help with your iPad, tablet or other device, go to Cowbridge library on Fridays from 2pm–5pm for help and advice.

Roald Dahl Night – September 16 (5pm–6.30pm) for children aged five plus, £3 per child. Booking essential; call the library on 01446 773941.

Storytime on Wednesdays from 2pm–2.30pm, for ages 0 to four (free).

Cool Crafts is back this Saturday, September 12, 11.30am–12.30pm. For children aged five plus, £2 per session. Booking recommended.

Ward surgery

LABOUR Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town councillors for Castleland Ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les Sword and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, September 12, at the Drop In Centre, Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry from 10.30am until 12pm.

No appointment necessary. Contact Coun Chris Elmore on 01446 450007, 07867 506 11, or email *celmore@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk*

Coffee mornings

THE National Autistic Society's Cardiff and the Vale branch will hold coffee mornings at Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, CF62 8DN at 10.30am-12pm on the following dates: September 12, October 10; November 14; December 12.

The branch website is at www.cardiffandvaleautism.org.uk. For further information, email nascardiff@nas.org.uk.

Wick table top sale

A TABLE top sale will take place in Wick village hall on Church Street, Wick on Saturday September 26.

Doors open 10am until 2pm. Tables £5; to hire, telephone Jen on 01446 713110.

Cowbridge Scout jumble

COWBRIDGE Scout group will hold its annual jumble sale on Saturday, September 19, from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Scout Hall, cattle market site.

Leaflets will be dropping through many Cowbridge doors this week; if you have jumble to be collected but don't get a leaflet, contact *cowbridgescoutgroup@outlook.com*

There will be clothes, books, games, household goods, furniture, bric-a-brac – something for everyone!

Forte concert for Ghana charity

LOCAL group Forte will perform on Friday, September 25 at 7.30pm in the parish hall, Dinas Powys in a concert hosted by Mark Thompson and featuring songs from musicals and films. Bar available on the night.

Money raised will go to 'Hopetoghana', which supports homeless families in Ghana; and also to refugee crisis funds.

Tickets £10 from www.tickesource.co.uk/hopetoghana; for more information on the charity go to www.hopetoghana.com.

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STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON IS A GRITTY, ENTERTAINING BIOPIC…

by GARETH JAMIESON

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THE emergence of the group NWA in 1988 was a watershed, as the group gave a voice to their community, detailing the issues of living in near poverty and with the constant threat of police harassment and violence in their hometown of Compton, finding an audience across the world.

With the band having such a seismic influence on music, a biopic is hardly surprising, and *Straight Outta Compton* tells how the group, led by Ice Cube (O'Shea Jackson Jr), Dr Dre (Corey Hawkins) and Eazy-E (Jason Mitchell) emerged from the streets and revolutionised hip-hop...

Music biopics are always far more interested in the fall than the rise; there's not much mileage in telling the story of a musician or musicians partying, writing songs that the whole world sings and generally having a whale of a time.

Much more interesting is the way that it all falls apart, how money, power and ego demolish seemingly unbreakable bonds as things all go wrong.

In F Gary Gray's take on the NWA, it's definitely the fall that proves to be the richer story to tell; their rise is detailed almost too conveniently, full of lightbulb moments ("Eazy, you try rapping", the actions of over-zealous police inspiring their call to arms) as the group rise to fame and fortune with nary a misstep.

However, as Spiderman's uncle Ben reminded us, with great power comes great responsibility, and the group learn that being spokespeople for a section of society comes with the pitfalls, especially when it comes to angering the boys in blue.

In light of recent events in America, the subject of police brutality and excessive force in relation to the black community is rather prescient, and … *Compton* doesn't shy away from highlighting the actions of the police and their treatment of the band, one scene outside a recording studio showing the police's despicable profiling attitude.

Unsurprisingly, there is a lot to fit in, and if on the surface the near two-and-a-half hour running time seems overlong, in actuality the film is perfectly paced. While all of the group played pivotal roles in their success, the focus lays on the triumvirate of Ice Cube, Dr Dre and Eazy-E, and the script gives these players plenty of narrative space as they come together, make history and then fall into recriminations and errors of judgement.

The performances are excellent; not only do they look like the people they are portraying, but they capture the essence of that person. While O'Shea Jackson Jr has the advantage of being Ice Cube's real-life son, he captures the formidable, 'not to be messed with' personality the star shows and has made a living from.

Corey Hawkins, as the musical brains behind the rapping brawn, delivers a likeable and stoic turn as Dr Dre, while the emotional through line of the film belongs to Jason Mitchell's wonderfully nuanced turn as Eazy-E; as his character veers from hustler to unlikely rapper to music mogul to losing all he's worked for, Mitchell plays the man rather than the caricature, and the saddening pay off for Eazy-E is all the more real thanks to Mitchell's turn.

The film does have the odd shortcoming; while a bold telling of their tale, the fact that the band are producers behind the film means that there's often only one point of view being told, while some of the group's less than salubrious choices are highlighted as being glamorous rather than sleazy or sexist.

It seems the sexism issue is the one that the majority of critics have taken tack with, but it needs to be taken within the context of the story being told. While the film certainly isn't gender balanced (wives and girlfriends being nothing more than background performers, the misogyny, intentional or otherwise, of the group), it is a story of five young black men essentially being given free reign to do as they please.

Canny enough to broadly appeal to those not 100 per cent au fait with their output, *Straight Outta Compton* is a gritty, entertaining and ultimately cautionary tale of having it all and seeing it slip through your hands, and young male friendship. While the success of Dr Dre and Ice Cube shows they had the talent to make it without the group, the film can't help but make you feel like there was more to be said by the NWA.

VERDICT: Following the biopic template but giving grit and personality, *Straight Outta Compton* is a superb telling of the rise and fall of NWA. Highlighting their significance on hip hop and music, but never overplaying it, it's a wonderful piece of work that covers a lot in two and a half hours. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *8 Mile* (2003), *Ray* (2004).

Cerdd Dant set for the Green Room

ON Friday, September 18 at 8pm, there will be a special evening of harp playing and Welsh language recitation in Sustainable Wales's Green Room, 5 James Street, Porthcawl, CF36 3BG.

Led by Carys Evans, who administers the Porthcawl Cerdd Dant (string music) group, the evening promises to be an outstanding musical and literary occasion.

Entrance on the door is £3 and everyone is welcome, whether Welsh-speaking or not.

For Sustainable Wales, Robert Minhinnick said: "This is the first event in our new Green Room series, which will include book launches and celebrations.

"Carys Evans is a great admirer of harpist and writer Twm Morys, and Twm himself will be appearing at events in Ty Carnegie, Bridgend, on November 13, and in Llangynwyd on November 14, at events organized by Sustainable Wales.

"Twm will playing his adaptions of 'tribannau' – Welsh language poems traditionally associated with Glamorgan. September 18 at the Green Room is the start of an exciting series that will last into 2016."

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There's nothing worse than dithering over a decision and missing out on the right venue.

This is often the case when it comes to the most established venues that have established a good reputation.

There is a lot to be said for a group of trusted individuals taking charge, to ensure an early decision.

How often does everyone in a family – or in an office – get togther to discuss a a a particular issue?

Another good reason for making an early start to your deliberations is that it will give time for some research.

Someone can go along to the venue and ask questions, or make a call to find out what's planned at Christmas.

What other things should be considered?

Christmas Day is on a Friday this year.

What day is best for colleagues in a workplace or for your family?

What time should be booked – bearing in mind people might be travelling to a restaurant.

If people are drinking, how are you organising the journey back home so that people don't have to drive?

Of course, there are venues with overnight accommodation which means a relaxing morning the next day with breakfast before setting off.

One thing that makes things easier for party planners is that here in the Vale and Bridgend, there is a wealth of choice, with venues for any type of Christmas do.

In terms of eating out, standards are high because there is so much competition.

If a dinner dance is the choice, then there are several hotels that offer just that.

If a meal in pleasant surroundings is the aim, then you can find good food everywhere, in a variety of settings, ranging from a traditional pub to a trendy bistro or tapas bar.

A number of places do outside catering, so it is even possible to find your own venue, and then employ a specialist to provide a great culinary experience.

In terms of post-meal entertainment, the Vale and Bridgend are exceptionally well provided.

For those so inclined, finishing off the evening with live music is quite possible, if you plan ahead.

There are country pubs where you can 'while away' the rest of the evening, perhaps in front of a real fire in the bar.

In fact, a bit of research should be able to establish which places offer bands and music.

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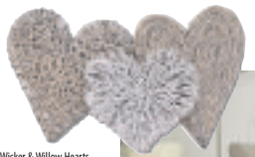

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HELP THE YOUNG TO REMEMBER FALLEN

I WOULD like to appeal to all businesses for help in providing or sponsoring a Poppy wreath for a young person to lay at one of this year's Remembrance events to mark Armistice Day.

This year we have marked the Galipolli anniversary, VE Day anniversary, VJ Day and just recently, the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

It is important to encourage young people to remember these events, and the many that will be marked over the next three years from the World War One conflict. This can happen with your help and support so that these events will live on and continue to be remembered.

In Barry alone, there are 500 young people in Scouting. Many of our former Scouts made the ultimate sacrifice in these conflicts.

As Group Scout Leader of the 11th Barry Sea Scouts and on behalf of the Royal British Legion (Barry), I am appealing to businesses or companies to get behind this appeal and sponsor a wreath or wreaths which could be laid on behalf of the company by a young person from the town.

For more information, contact GSL@11thbarryscouts.org.uk or teresa.rbl@btinternet.com.

Bryan Foley,
Barry.

Don't lose sight of a regular check-up

I AM writing to ask your readers to look after their eyes: this September marks the sixth year of National Eye Health Week (September 21-27); every day in Wales, nearly three people lose their sight, but 50 per cent of sight loss is avoidable with early detection and treatment.

The most important thing people can do to look after their eyes is to go for regular sight tests.

Research shows that more than one in 10 of us have never had our eyes tested.

Sight is the sense that people fear losing most, yet many of us don't know the best way to look after our eyes.

We want to change that.

Many people think a sight test is just about checking whether your vision needs correcting with glasses or contact lenses. But there are other important reasons to have a sight test.

A regular sight test can help detect eye conditions before you notice the effect on your sight, including health conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

NHS eye tests are free for people aged 60 plus years, for children, for those on income related benefit, and those at risk of eye disease because of a family history.

Having a sight test with an optometrist at least once every two years should be part of everyone's health care routine.

So this National Eye Health Week – look after your eyes and make sure you book you and your family in for an eye test!

Ceri Jackson,
RNIB Cymru Director and Chair of the National Eye Health Week Wales advisory group.

'Council should have come clean'

CARRYING on from the Vale Council's ridiculous plans to bring in parking charges on several sites in the Vale of Glamorgan, the question must be asked, do these councillors have a clue what they are doing?

The Vale Council has once again brought in rules and regulations without consulting anyone else – it now seems that it has agreed to consult traders, but I think it's a bit late for that.

The traders must be congratulated on their stand on this. Coun Gwyn John, as the main spokesman for this idea, should be taken to task over comments he made a couple of weeks ago.

Then, he stated that the reason for these parking charges was not monetary-driven.

Last week, he stated that the idea of giving a free period of parking was considered, but this would lose up to £190k of the £290k higher estimated income figure, and that the council had to save £25 million over the next three years.

Why didn't he come clean from the outset?

DJ Radford,
Barry.

Ready, steady ...SPEAK?

I READ with interest the article headed 'Public can have their say' and that the Vale's public rights of way committee would sit on September 10.

I first raised the issue of the public being allowed to address public rights of way some seven years ago. I have, therefore, waited 3,679,200 minutes for three minutes speaking time.

Guess I will have to learn to speak fast – it would seem I have plenty of time to do so, because the meeting on the 10th has been cancelled!

Karen Gallimore,
Focus Barry supporter.

Curling, cakes, coal and coffee!

VICE-president Jill Jones welcomed members and visitors to the meeting of Rhoose WI on September 3 where members were reminded that there will be an evening meal instead of lunch club on September 22, at the Three Horseshoes, Moulton, (7pm).

Skittles will resume on September 18 at Rhoose Social Club at 2pm and craft club re-opens on September 23 at 2pm at 5 Odyn's Fee.

On September 17, Rhoose WI will continue its 70th anniversary celebration with an afternoon of 'Curling and Cakes' at the Community Hall from 2pm until 5pm. Members will attend the Link Centenary evening celebration on September 25 at 6.30pm at the Village Hall, St Athan. Participants are asked to wear costume depicting any decade from the 100 year life of the WI.

Four members will also take part in the GFWI quiz at the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl, on the 15th.

Business concluded, the speaker for the evening, Rosemary Scaddon, gave a talk on the Insole family of Cardiff.

Having made their fortune from coal, the Insoles built their house at Llandaff – successive generations extending the building.

Having spent recent years being used for various community activities, Insole Court is now being restored and hopefully will open to the public in due course. Barbara Goodway thanked Ms Scaddon for her talk.

A vote of thanks from the floor was then given to Glenys Watson for the sumptuous afternoon tea she recently provided at her cafe, Coffee Time.

Finally, the competition winners were announced – Jan Dally winning the monthly competition and Karen Jones the raffle.

The next meeting of the WI will be on October 1 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Stewart Road, when members and visitors are invited to a quiz night.

GEOFF WAS BORN ON A SPECIAL DAY IN HISTORY...

Battle of Britain Day, September 15 – *and why, as a nation, we must never forget it!*

ON Tuesday, September 15, 'Battle of Britain Day' will celebrate the 75th anniversary of one of this nation's greatest victories – a triumph against overwhelming odds.

It will be marked by a number of events throughout the country including a flypast of 40 Spitfires and Hurricanes at Goodwood Aerodrome.

One man from Llantwit Major has a special connection to the battle through his father and is keen that people today remember the importance of a critical battle in the Second World War.

Geoff Mortimer (75) told The GEM: "On Battle of Britain Day in 1940 my father Les was on a launch in the Thames Estuary rescuing men shot down during the battle.

"There were British, French, Australians, Poles – and Germans. He had to pick them up in the estuary and take them to shore."

Les told Geoff that he'd "wrap them up in a blanket and give them a cup of tea" before getting them safely back to land.

Geoff asked what happened to the Germans.

"My father said he'd wrap them up in a blanket, give them a cup of tea and get them back to shore!

"My father was a very humane bloke. They were only kids – 16 and 17-year-olds. Ninety per cent of them didn't want to be in the war."

The Germans were thankful they were on their way to a prisoner-of-war camp because their propaganda machine had warned them not to get captured because they might face ill-treatment.

by TIM CHAPMAN

Battle of Britain Day is September 15 (next Tuesday) because on that date in 1940 the Luftwaffe launched its largest attack against London in the hope of drawing out the RAF into a battle of annihilation. Around 1,500 aircraft took part in the air battles which lasted until dusk.

Geoff was born on that very day! "My mother sent Dad a telegram which took 10 days to reach him."

Winston Churchill named the battle before it even took place.

He said: *"What General Weygand has called The Battle of France is over. The battle of Britain is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilisation."*

The Allied airmen prevented Germany from gaining air supremacy forcing Hitler to postpone Operation Sea Lion, a planned amphibious and airborne invasion of Britain.

Of course, Les's work with the Special Boat Squadron also involved recovering bodies from the Thames Estuary not just pilots who had survived.

In the aftermath of the Battle of Britain, there was still a real fear of invasion and Les joined the RAF Regiment on the south coast, commanding a platoon.

Geoff said: "He gave strict instructions to his men, who were expecting Jerry, to issue the challenge 'Friend or foe?'. They had one chance to respond.

"The idea was that if they were a friend they could advance with their hands in the air. If not they could be shot.

"It led to one or two amusing incidents at night. One bloke shot a cow. Another shot a tree stump insisting it had moved!

Les Mortimer...

...and today, Geoff his son.

"In the barracks when the sirens rang out, the men were meant to get under the bed to protect themselves from falling masonry.

"My father's corporal once complained about the sirens and didn't want to get out of bed. When he did another soldier was already under it!"

During the war Geoff's mother Winnie lived in Burton and took in evacuees from London, a mother and her son.

Geoff's father came from the nearby village of Overseale.

"My father died at the age of 47 of kidney failure. I was just 17. I'd just reached the age when we were doing things together. My grandfather was the churchwarden in Overseale and my father is buried at the church there."

Les was awarded two medals: the 'World War Two Medal' and the 'Defence Medal'.

Sadly Geoff, who came to Wales 37 years ago and worked for Access and Nat West, doesn't know what happened to the medals.

He's a big supporter of the RAF Benevolent Flag Day, loves the distinctive sound of the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine which powered Spitfires and Hurricanes, and is proud of his father's Second World War service.

He insists that summer and autumn of 1940 must never be forgotten, adding: "If we had lost, we would be speaking German now."

Select candidates at open primary

BRIDGEND Conservatives are the first political party in the area to opt for an open primary to select the candidate to take on First Minister Carwyn Jones in next year's Assembly elections.

And it's taking place on Monday, September 14 at 7pm at the Hi Tide Inn, Porthcawl. It is open to anyone who registers to attend.

Anyone wishing to take part can apply to register and should ring 0330 0101403. They must be on the electoral register for Bridgend.

People can also apply by e-mailing info@welshconservatives.com.

Only those people who have registered will be admitted to the meeting. The closing date for registration is Sunday, September 13.

The candidates are: Dan Boucher, George Jabbour and Carolyn Webster. Information on the candidates will be available on the night. Doors open at 6.30pm and the primary gets under way at 7pm.

Festival showcase for local authors

AS part of this year's week of events, the Penarth Book Festival will be hosting a 'Local Author Showcase'.

The showcase will give local published and self-published authors the opportunity to meet the public and share their work and writing process.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 17 at the main hall, All Saints' Church, Penarth between 10am and 12 noon. Entry to the event will be free.

Local authors interested in taking part should contact the festival for an application form by emailing *info@penarthbookfestival.org.uk*. The deadline for applications is Monday, September 14.

FAY BLAKELEY

Wedding fayre at The Bear

THE Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, in conjunction with *Eternity with Love*, will hold a wedding fayre on Sunday, September 13 between 11am and 4pm.

"The wedding fayre is an ideal opportunity for brides and grooms to view our beautiful venue and meet our wedding coordinators," a spokeswoman said.

"People can get some amazing ideas from the many wedding exhibitors on the day."

For further information, call 01446 774814 (Option 2), or email us.

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HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 12 ST BRIDES-SUPER-ELY)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2015

The above order, made on the 6th day of August 2015, under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the public footpath running from a point west of The Old Rectory, St Brides-super-Ely (NGR 309531 177561) across the field to the boundary hedge east of Ty-newydd, St Brides-super-Ely (NGR 309283 177624) to a line running from the west of The Old Rectory, St Brides-super-Ely (NGR 309531 177561) around the field edge to the boundary hedge to the east of Ty-newydd, St Brides-super-Ely (NGR 309283 177624) as shown on the order map.

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Dated this 10th September 2015

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'Tony is gone, *but never forgotten by his friends and family*'

My son, Tony Brown, passed away on September 19, 2010, and a special event was recently held in his memory at Maslin Park, and the Tadross Hotel hosted people afterwards.

I want to say a big thank you to my grand-daughter, Ceri Greenslade, and Tony's good friends, Andrew Harris and Dai Richards, for organising the event on Sunday, August 30.

It was a great fun day with an enjoyable football match at Maslin Park. His wonderful friends did him proud and were joined by my grandson, Carter, and his lovely friends – both young and old put their hearts into it.

A huge thank you to them all.

Thank you to Nina Estate Agents for kindly sponsoring the t-shirts and to my grand-daughter, Emma Evritt, for her clever design.

Thank you also to the Tadross Hotel for their kindness and the wonderful evening they put on.

Last, but certainly not least, a huge thanks to those who donated wonderful prizes for the raffle which raised a total of £1,000. Proceeds will go to cancer research at Velindre Hospital.

Grateful thanks to all concerned.

Joyce Hawkins, Barry (Tony's Mum)

Welsh companies show Great Taste!

TWO Welsh companies are celebrating – after winning top UK food awards.

The Great Taste Awards, referred to as the 'Oscars of the food world', were held in London. Apple County Cider Company scooped the Golden Fork from Wales award and Ty Tanglwyst Dairy received the Nigel Barden Heritage Award.

Having already been awarded three stars by the Great Taste for its Vilberie medium dry cider, Apple County Cider Company, the Monmouthshire-based producer, is now celebrating a further honour.

From left: John Farrand of the Guild of Fine Food, Duncan Hider of Hider Foods, Rhys and John Lougher of Ty Tanglwyst Dairy and Nigel Barden.

Ty Tanglwyst Dairy of Pyle, near Bridgend, picked up the Nigel Barden Heritage Award, as well as earning three stars for their salted butter. They previously won awards at the Great Taste with their double cream and butter.

The traditional Welsh family-run farm based in Pyle has a modern dairy and functions all year round to ensure that customers receive the freshest and best tasting milk possible. It's a complete family affair as all the cows have been born and bred on the farm.

Rhys Lougher of Ty Tanglwyst Dairy commented: "We are delighted to win this prestigious award at the Great Taste Awards. We are extremely proud of our products and are passionate about ensuring that our customers get high quality produce."

Deputy Minister for Farming and Food Rebecca Evans AM, felt the awards reflected the strength of the food and drink industry in Wales,

"We all know how high the quality of Welsh food and drink is and it is important the sector is recognised for its work. Having the awards judged on home soil for the first time has helped us showcase the best of the best – but more than that, it is has given our businesses the springboard for future success and enabled us to position Wales as a serious food destination.

"I'd like to warmly congratulate the companies on their latest awards and wish them both the very best as they develop their excellent businesses in the future."

THERE'S ALWAYS A GOOD REASON TO LEARN WELSH!

FOUR learners with four very different reasons for learning Welsh won awards at the Welsh for Adults Cardiff and the Vale Award ceremony.

Rosie Berry, who won the overall Learner of the Year Award – the Chris Rees Tribute Award 2015, said: "I learnt Welsh because my son was going to a Welsh-speaking school, but after a while, I realised that I loved the challenge of learning Welsh for myself, so I continued to do so. I speak Welsh every single day now which is great!"

Huw Morris, who won the Entry Level Award, said: "Originally, I started learning Welsh as a hobby, but now it really helps in the workplace too. My favourite thing about learning Welsh is my tutor Mari Jones and my classmates, they're great!".

Huw Marshall who won the Foundation Level award said: "I'm learning Welsh to speak to my children and I want to understand everything on S4C! I also work in a Welsh primary school twice a week and I absolutely love speaking Welsh to my little friends in the classroom."

Daniel Carter, who won the Intermediate Level and who is originally from Cornwall, said: "When I moved to Wales in 2012, I kept thinking, what's the meaning of these words on the road signs and how do I pronounce them? I was hearing the language too and so I thought I should start learning. Now I'm hooked and go to every sociable Welsh event I can find!"

There's always a reason to learn Welsh, what's yours?

To find out more information on how to learn Welsh and to order a prospectus which includes all of the different kinds of courses starting all over Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan in September, contact us: www.learnwelsh.co.uk; 02920 874710 info@learnwelsh.co.uk.

Get back on track – and gain skills for a new start!

A BRAND new programme of free 'Get Back on Track' courses has been launched across the Vale.

The courses have been provided by the Vale Adult Education Service, in partnership with a wide range of providers including Jobcentre plus, Communities First and other learning and training providers.

The new prospectus is now available with a wide range of short courses and workshops designed to help people get back on track and gain useful skills. The courses are free to those eligible and a free crèche is available at some centres.

Support is available for anyone who needs help with job search, registering for universal job match, and using internet and emails.

Weekly workclubs will be run throughout the Vale, along with computer skills workshops offering the chance to learn the basic ICT skills that you will need in almost any workplace, or you can progress to further ICT courses in Powerpoint, Excel, or pc maintenance. You can gain an Agored, OCR or even an ECDL qualification.

A range of free workshops are available to help produce a good CV and covering letter that will attract the attention of employers, or you can get help and support to fill in application forms.

Interview skills workshops running at both Barry and Penarth Jobcentres help prepare you for that all-important interview.

Whether you are looking for employment, or volunteering opportunities, some short Workwise courses will help prepare you for the workplace and give you some confidence. If you want to work in retail, hospitality, carpentry, care or customer service roles. some new short Workwise courses will help brush up your skills and enhance your CV.

Short courses in British sign language and lip reading are also useful communication skills for the workplace.

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Reading, writing and maths are essential skills that help you get on in work and life in general. If you want to improve your skills or if you don't have any qualifications, then this is the place to start.

Classes at all levels are available at the Open Learning Centre. You can start at any time and attend when it suits you, either day or evening.

For more information pick up a copy of the new prospectus from Vale of Glamorgan buildings or libraries or on line at www.gbotfree.org, or call Palmerston Centre 01446 733762.

OVER £2,500 RAISED AT DOG SHOW AND FUNDAY IN SOUTHERNDOWN

PHOTOGRAPHS by **GLYN EVANS**

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AS briefly reported in last week's Glamorgan GEM, on Sunday, August 30 in Southerndown, more than 400 people attended the bi-annual Funday and Companion Dog Show in aid of Great Dane Care.

The event was organised by Sarah Richardson of Bark Avenue Grooming, her family and friends.

The previous event held two years ago raised nearly £1,700; it was hoped that this year they would top it.

Little did they think that they would exceed their expectations and raise over £2,500 for this worthy cause, to rescue unwanted and abused Great Danes.

The hard working team of friends and relations worked well together to make sure the day was a huge success and everyone enjoyed themselves.

There were several stalls ranging from tombolas, to cakes for humans and biscuits for dogs, teas and coffees – all run by volunteers.

The hard working cooks were kept busy serving burgers and hotdogs.

There was even a photo booth so that people could take home a photo from the day.

One of the helpers, Arwyn Evans, had been selected to sing in a choir being formed by Wynne Evans, the tenor and Go Compare man, who was making a television series with S4C about the formation of the choir.

Wynne kindly came to the event with his television crew and they filmed several pieces at the show, starting with Wynne learning to line dance with dogs.

He was ably schooled by Sue and David Lindsay who had very kindly opened their gardens for the charity event.

Together with 20 other people, he was led by a young Great Dane puppy to learn the 'dozy doh' and 'promenade', much to the enjoyment of the watching crowds.

The judge of the pedigree classes was Sue Thompson, of the world famous Ashgate West Highland White Terriers. The puppy class had some 20 plus dogs in it, and the numbers kept on coming in the subsequent classes. Richard Morris judged the novelty classes at very short notice.

Engraved glassware was kindly donated by Sheena Booth of a Touch of Glass for Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show (pedigree classes) and Best in Show (novelty classes). Sheena had also kindly donated glassware for the raffle. Best in Show (pedigree classes) went to a Giant Schnauzer and Best Puppy in Show (pedigree classes), a Bullmastiff.

Jagger and Woody from Heart FM breakfast Show also came to the show and provided excellent publicity for the event on their show and helped to increase the number of people attending.

They stayed for several hours encouraging people to participate in the different events.

The Southern Newfoundland Club sent its agility team, who set out a course for people and dogs to try and it proved extremely popular.

Sarah Richardson of Bark Avenue Grooming, the main organiser of the event, would like to say a very grateful thank you to all those who helped so much with kind donations and prizes.

Liz and Gordon Davies who run Great Dane Care were given the proceeds on Tuesday, so that it can be put to good use as soon as possible.

If you wish to see the pictures of the event, go to FB page: GDCofW with Bark Avenue Funday & Companion Dog Show.

COLIN RICHARDSON

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for September 7:

The autumn sims – 1st, Simon Richards & Julian Pottage 70.20%; 2nd, Liam Sheridan & JohnBeard 66.92%; 3rd, Tony Ratcliff & Mark Roderick 64.58.

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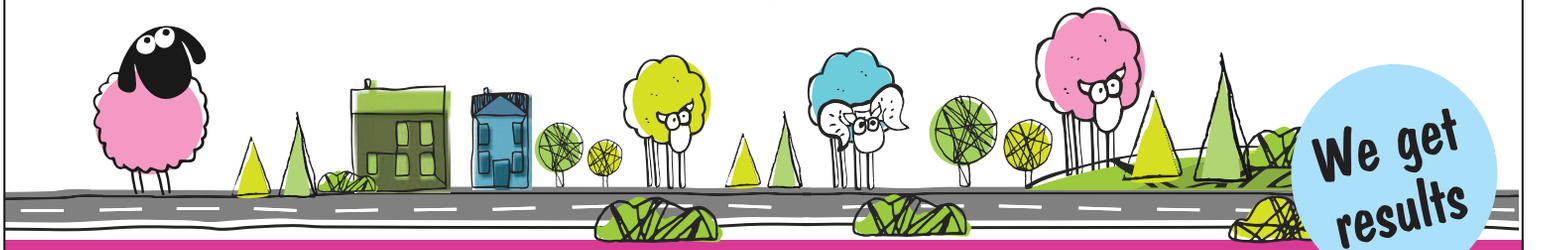

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Cowbridge £575 ,000

Character detached house set within pretty mature gardens. The accommodation includes living room, sitting room, dining room, a garden room, study area, kitchen/diner, utility room, cloakroom/WC, four bedrooms, an en-suite shower room, separate shower room and family bathroom. Double garage and workshop. EPC Rating – E

Cowbridge £285,000

Extended and improved three bedroom semi-detached house with easy access to the Town Centre. Excellent accommodation with three receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, family bathroom and an en-suite. Enclosed rear garden with hard stand parking. EPC Rating – D

Graig Penllyn £480,000

Detached 19th Century extended cottage set within mature gardens and woodland. Accommodation includes three reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen, utility room, shower room/WC, four bedrooms and family bathroom. Double garage. Driveway parking. EPC Rating – F

Bonvilston £525,000

Beautifully presented Georgian influenced modern detached house with well proportioned accommodation including three reception rooms and four double bedrooms with master en-suite. Detached garage, driveway parking, wrap around lawned garden. Viewing essential. EPC rating – C

Pendoylan £625,000

Substantial detached property set within generous grounds with paddocks and boasts excellent accommodation with three reception rooms, kitchen/ breakfast area, garden room, utility area, four bedrooms (two with en-suite bathrooms) and family bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this fantastic property. EPC Rating – F

Moulton £750,000

Well presented detached family home situated in a rural setting near Llancarfan. Accommodation includes four reception rooms, kitchen, utility, cloaks, Four double bedrooms, bathroom, dressing room and an en-suite. Gardens and grounds extending to approx 2.89 acres. Double garage. EPC Rating - D

Llanmaes £415,000

Deceptively spacious, detached house with well proportioned accommodation including lounge, conservatory, dining room, study, kitchen-breakfast room, a large utility room and cloakroom/ WC, four double bedrooms, plus a family bathroom. Driveway parking and integral, double garage. Lawned front garden and a sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating -E

Llanmaes £599,000

A spacious residence with gardens and pasture land extending to approx 5.5 acres, set in a semi-rural location with convenient access to main roads. Hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, utility room, four bedrooms, an en-suite shower room and a bathroom. Sizeable attic (approx 65ft long). Detached building used as a snooker/games room with workshop. EPC Rating – E

Penmark £435,000

An Individually designed detached house situated in an attractive Vale village. Well presented accommodation with two reception rooms, dining hall and four bedrooms, family bathroom and two en-suites. Twin garage. Rear garden with southerly orientation. EPC Rating – D

Cefn Cribwr £499,500

An attractive cottage, with accommodation including a wealth of character features, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility, shower room, three sizeable bedrooms, with potential to create a 4th bedroom, family bathroom. Mature gardens, stable block, pasture land and ground extending to approximately 4 acres and enjoying some spectacular, far reaching views. EPC Rating – F

Bridgend £220,000

A traditional, semi-detached house, in the popular residential area of Ewenny Rd, Bridgend, within level walking distance of the town centre. Well proportioned accommodation comprising two living rooms, kitchen/dining room, downstairs cloakroom three bedrooms and two shower rooms. Front and rear garden. EPC Rating – D

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• FRONT AND REAR GARDEN
• LIVING ROOM • TWO BEDROOMS
• MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• NO CHAIN • ER=C
£89,950

NEW

CASTLELAND STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED.
• THREE BEDROOMS
• THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
• SOME ORIGINAL FEATURES
• CLOSE TO SHOPS, SCHOOLS & TRAIN STATION • LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
• WELL PRESENTED • EPC = E
£129,950

NEW

COLLARD CRESCENT, BARRY
• WELL PRESENTED SEMI DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM • DINING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• THREE BEDROOMS
• W.C CLOAKROOM
• DRIVEWAY & GARAGE
• VIEWING RECOMMENDED
£159,950

NEW

WINCHESTER CLOSE, BARRY
• MODERN MID TERRACED
• WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
• LIVING ROOM • REPLACEMENT
• W.C./SHOWER ROOM • 3 BEDROOMS.
• FAM. BATHROOM • LOW MAINTENANCE PATIO GARDEN • REAR PARKING ACCESSIBLE FROM REAR • ER = C
£122,500

NEW

HARDY CLOSE, BARRY
• MODERN WELL PRESENTED DETACHED.
• LIVING ROOM • 2014 REPLACEMENT KITCHEN UTILITY ROOM • INTEGRAL GARAGE • 4 BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE) • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• SPACIOUS DRIVEWAY.
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL • ER=D
£199,950

NEW

COOK ROAD, BARRY
• MODERN DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM • DINING ROOM
• KITCHEN/DINER
• CONSERVATORY • 3 BEDROOMS
• MASTER ENSUITE BATHROOM
• DRIVEWAY • PARTIAL SEA VIEWS FROM REAR GARDEN • EPC=C
£194,950

NEW

HARBOUR ROAD, BARRY
• TRADITIONAL MID TERRACE
• BAY FRONTED • ORIGINAL FEATURES
• WELL PRESENTED
• ATTIC ROOM
• LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
• WEST END LOCATION
• SEA VIEWS • ER=E
£229,950

NEW

NELSON ROAD, BARRY
• DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW
• SPACIOUS DWELLING • 3 BEDROOMS
• EN SUITE MASTER BEDROOM
GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM WITH SHOWER ROOM
• LARGER THAN AVERAGE GARDEN.
• GARAGE/DRIVEWAY • ER = D
234,950

NEW

CAER FFYNNON, BARRY
• VERSATILE THREE BEDROOM
• DETACHED PROPERTY
• LOUNGE & RAISED DINING AREA
• KITCHEN
• ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
£349,950

NEW

PONTYPRIDD ROAD, BARRY
• SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT
• TWO BEDROOMS
• SPACIOUS LIVING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• GARAGE AND AMPLE PARKING
• IN NEED OF MODERNISING
• NO CHAIN • EPC = F
£84,950

NEW

LEWIS STREET, BARRY
• TRADITIONAL END OF TERRACED
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
• W.C. CLOAKROOM • 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS • LUXURY FITTED BATHROOM SUITE • STAIRS RISING TO HOBBY AREA
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN.
£139,950

NEW

CASTLELAND STREET, BARRY
• TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
• FITTED KITCHEN
• THREE BEDROOMS
• FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
• MINUTES WALK TO TRAIN STATION
• VIEWING RECOMMENDED
• ER=D
£124,950

NEW

GIBBONSDOWN RISE, BARRY
• MODERN DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM
• MODERN KITCHEN/DINER
• SITTING ROOM (CONVERTED GARAGE)
• UTILITY ROOM. W.C. CLOAKROOM
• DRIVEWAY
• ENCLOSED PRIVATE REAR GARDEN
£189,950

NEW

GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY
• TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
• PERIOD PROPERTY
• SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
• 4 BEDROOMS. 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
• ORIGINAL FEATURES THROUGHOUT
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• GARAGE WITH LANE ACCESS • EPC - D
£229,950

NEW

ELAN CLOSE, CWM TALWG, BARRY
• 24FT LIVING ROOM
• DINING ROOM
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
• WC CLOAKROOM
• 3 BEDROOMS
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• DRIVEWAY/GARAGE • NO CHAIN
£249,950

NEW PRIC

BARRY ROAD, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• WELL PRESENTED SPACIOUS DWELLING
• TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS
• FOUR BEDROOMS
• 1ST FLR. REPLACEMENT BATHROOM
• UPVC DG- GCH VIA COMBINATION BOILER
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN • ER=D
£110,000

GLOUCESTER CLOSE, BARRY
• MUCH LOVED SEMI DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM • OPEN PLAN
• KITCHEN/DINER
• THREE BEDROOMS,
• FAM. BATHROOM
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• SIDE ACCESS-NO CHAIN • ER=D
£119,950

ST OSWALDS ROAD, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• THROUGH LIVING/DINING
• REPLACEMENT KITCHEN
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL • ER=E
£112,500

CARMARTHEN CLOSE, BARRY
• DETACHED BUNGALOW
• TWO BEDROOMS
• LIVING ROOM
• 2015 FITTED KITCHEN
• RE-DECORATED THROUGHOUT
• ENCLOSED GARDEN
• GARAGE • ER = D
£159,950

GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY
• BAY FRONTED
• SEMI DETACHED
• ORIGINAL BLOCK FLOORING
• LIVING ROOM
• OPEN KITCHEN/DINER
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN • NO CHAIN
• OFF RD PARKING TO REAR. ER = D
£159,950

HEOL CORSWIGEN, BARRY
• SHOWHOME PRESENTED MODERN
• DETACHED • 3 BEDROOMS
• DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
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£179,950

CASTLE STREET, BARRY
• THREE BEDROOM
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• FIRST FLR. BATHROOM
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL • ER = D
£136,000

COLDBROOK ROAD EAST, BARRY
• DETACHED BUNGALOW
• TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
• COMBINATION BOILER/UPVC DG
• PRIVATE ENCLOSED GARDEN
• CONSERVATORY
• ATTIC/HOBBY ROOM
• ER = D.
£149,950

EITHINEN BER, BARRY
• A WELL PRESENTED
• THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
• W.C. CLOAKROOM
• LIVING ROOM
• KITCHEN/DINER
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• DRIVEWAY-ENCLOSED GARDEN. ER=D
£173,000

HEOL SIRHWI, BARRY
• DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW
• VERSATILE LIVING THROUGHOUT
• GRD FLR: W.C. LIVING ROOM, DINING RM.
• CONSERVATORY, BEDROOM, UTILITY ROOM
• INTEGRAL GARAGE • 1ST FLR:- TWO FURTHER BEDROOMS FAM. BATHROOM
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN • EPC - C
£234,950

WHITEHALL CLOSE, WENVOE
• VERY WELL PRESENTED
• DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW
• 2 REC. ROOMS, MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
• UTILITY ROOM W.C. CLOAK
• CONVERTED GARAGE (USED AS BEDROOM) FURTHER 2 BEDROOMS
• LONGER THAN AV. DRIVEWAY • EPC - D
£289,950

SPRING STREET, BARRY
• WELL PRESENTED
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• KITCHEN/UTILITY AREA
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• MODERN FAM. BATHROOM
• LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL • ER = E
£112,000

SPENCER STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• GROUND FLR. BATHROOM
• 3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN • PLACED BETWEEN RICHARD ST & EVANS ST. AMIDST MAIN SHOPPING AREA • EPC = E
£111,950

HELLAS DRIVE, BARRY
• MODERN DETACHED DWELLING CONSTRUCTED APPROX. 29 YRS AGO • RECENTLY REFURBISHED THROUGHOUT • W.C. CLOAK • LIVING ROOM
• KITCHEN/DINER, • UTILITY ROOM
• CONSERVATORY • 4 BEDROOMS WITH MASTER ENSUITE • LUXURY FAMILY BATHROOM
• GARAGE/PARKING • EPC - D
£294,950

31C HOLTON ROAD, BARRY
• GROUND FLOOR
• LUXURY APARTMENT
• CONTEMPORARY LIVING
• TWO BEDROOMS
• OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
• LOW MAINTENANCE COURTYARD
• GARDEN • NO CHAIN
£89,950

LLEWELYN STREET, BARRY
• THREE BEDROOMS
• END TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• THROUGH LIVING/DINING
• ENCLOSED COURTYARD REAR
• UPVC DG & G.C.HEATING VIA COMBI
• WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
• VIEWING RECOMMENDED • ER=D
£104,950

CORA STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITONAL
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• GROUND FLR. BATHROOM
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• BOX ROOM
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• EPC - E
£109,950

QUEEN STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• LIVING/DINING ROOM
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• UPVC DG-GCH VIA COMBI
• FITTED KITCHEN
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• AMIDST SHOPS, SCHOOLS • ER=D
£112,000

TYDFIL STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED
• TRADITIONAL DWELLING
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• REPLACEMENT FITTED BATHROOM
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• NO CHAIN • ER=D
£114,950

BELL STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• STUNNING PRESENTATION
• RENOVATED THROUGHOUT
• TWO BEDROOMS
• LIVING ROOM LEADING TO D. ROOM
• UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
• UPVC DG-GCH. VIA COMBI. ER=D
£117,500

ST AIDENS RISE, BARRY
• MID LINK MODERN
• 3 BEDROOMS
• LIVING ROOM
• GCH UPVC D/G
• GARAGE TO REAR
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• CLOSE TO SHOPS. NO CHAIN
£104,950

RENTA

HEOL CILFRYDD, BARRY
• TWO BEDROOM SPACIOUS APARTMENT
• OPEN PLAN KITCHEN AND LIVING ROOM • FAMILY BATHROOM
• ELECTRIC HEATING
• DESIGNATED PARKING
• NO PETS • NO SMOKERS • NO DSS
£550PCM

RENTA

LAKIN DRIVE, BARRY
• TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY • LOCATED ON HIGHLIGHT PARK • LOUNGE • KITCHEN
• FAMILY BATHROOM (SHOWER ONLY)
• DRIVEWAY • REAR GARDEN
• UNFURNISHED • NO PETS,
• NO SMOKERS • NO DSS • EPC - D
£550PCM

RENTA

COURT MEWS, BARRY
• SECOND FLOOR ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT
• OPEN PLAN KITCHEN & LOUNGE
• BATHROOM
• DOUBLE BEDROOM
• COMMUNAL PARKING
• NO PETS • NO DSS • NO SMOKERS
£475PCM

RENTA

WINDSOR COURT APARTMENTS, BARRY
• ONE BEDROOM THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT.
• LIFT ACCESS SITUATED IN GRADE 2 LISTED BUILDING • LOUNGE • KITCHEN/ DINER WITH BUILT IN APPLIANCES • FAMILY BATHROOM.
• VIDEO DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM • COMMUNAL GYMNASIUM • NO PETS • NO SMOKERS.
• NO DSS • EPC - TO FOLLOW
£500PCM

RENTA

MELVILLE CLOSE, BARRY
• TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR MAISONETTE • LOCATED IN QUIET CUL-DE-SAC OFF PORT ROAD.
• LOUNGE • 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• BATHROOM • PARKING SPACE
• ACCESS TO REAR GARDEN
• NO DSS • NO PETS • NO SMOKERS
£525PCM

RENTA

LLWYN Y GOG, RHOOSE
• AVAILABLE FROM MID SEPTEMBER.. VIEW NOW
• VERSATILE FOUR BEDROOM TOWN HOUSE ON RHOOSE POINT • FANTASTIC VIEWS OVERLOOKING BRISTOL CHANNEL • 1ST FLOOR LOUNGE • DINING ROOM • KITCHEN WITH FRENCH DOORS TO REAR
• GARDEN • 1ST & 2ND BEDROOMS WITH EN-SUITE • NO SMOKERS • NO PETS • NO DSS
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7 FONMON ROAD, FONTYGARY - £460,000
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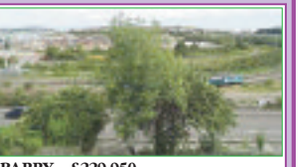
Large kitchen/dining room. Family bathroom.
Master bedroom with en suite. Three further double bedrooms.
Set in large plot with gardens to front and rear. Double garage with generous drive.
Enjoying countryside and sea views from first floor.

8 CLOS CEFNI, BARRY - £215,000
Semi detached located in west end of Barry.
Two reception rooms. Modern fitted kitchen.
Cloakroom. Conservatory. Three bedrooms.
Enclosed rear garden. Garage and driveway.

NEW



42 HARBOUR ROAD, BARRY – £229,950
Traditional bay fronted property. Two reception rooms.
Kitchen/breakfast room. Utility and downstairs w/c.
Five bedrooms. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating.
Low maintenance garden to rear.
Panoramic views across Waterfront and coastline beyond.

23 BUTT LEE COURT, BARRY - £89,950
Second floor apartment. Living room.
Kitchen. Two bedrooms. Bathroom.
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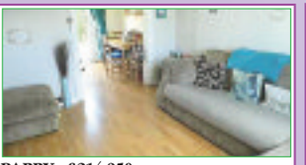

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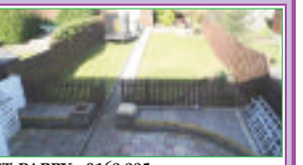

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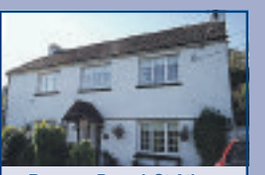

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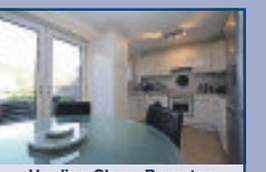

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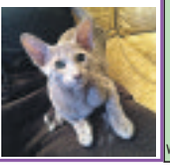

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She would also like to say thank you to all her grandchildren and their partners, great grandchildren and all her friends for their cards and generous gifts.

I love you all and God bless
Mave the Rave xxx

Family Notices

FRYER
Joyce

Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 2.

Resting at W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral to take place at St Curig's Church, Porthkerry on Monday, September 14 at 2pm, followed by internment in Porthkerry Cemetery.

Flowers, if wished, may be sent to the funeral home.

BURT
Dennis
(Graig Penllyn, Cowbridge)

The family of the late Mr Dennis Burt wishes to thank his many friends and colleagues for the messages of sympathy and condolences received over recent weeks.

Many thanks to the doctors and nurses at Cowbridge Health Centre and also to the Reverend David Boult for his support and words of compassion. Also, to Messrs C & O.J. Sendell, Funeral Directors, for their expertise and professionlism.

PAUL
Elsie Emily *(née Fifield)*

Peacefully at UHW Cardiff on 27th August 2015, Elsie aged 90 years.

Beloved wife of the late Fred and much loved mum of the late David. Elsie will be greatly missed by all her friends and neighbours.

Resting at A G Adams & Son until the funeral service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 10th September at 10am followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Flowers may be sent to the Funeral home.

THOMPSON
Freda

Suddenly, but peacefully, on August 31, Freda aged 95 years, formerly of Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major, latterly of Baltimore Care Home, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Hughie, much loved mother of Lorna and the late Hugh, mother-in-law to Heather and cherished grandmother of Cassy, Chris, David and Kate and her six great-grandchildren.

Will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral Wednesday, September 16, service and cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 2pm, where friends please meet. Family flowers only, donations, if so desired, for British Heart Foundation c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun CF72 8PN Tel: 01443 223368

STEPHENS
Mary Non Elizabeth
"Liz" *(née Mytton)*

Died on 3rd September at Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest. Wife of Henry, mother of Emma & John and grandmother of their children.

Funeral service to be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, CF62 9PX on Wednesday, 16th September at 1pm.

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Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Ty Hafan Hospice. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

MATTHEWS
Terence (Terry)

Peacefully at his home surrounded by all his loving family on August 29. Terry of Barry, dearly beloved husband of Cheryl (Flower), much loved dad of Renee and Ross, father in law of Nicky and Rachel, adored pops of Kody and Lacey.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until his funeral service in the chapel on Tuesday, September 15 at 11am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12 noon.

Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

HOOPER
Charles Anthony (Tony)

Peacefully at Holme Tower after a short, brave fight. Loving husband of Diana, dearly loved father of Simon, Penny and Jeremy, father-in-law to Tor, Michael and Leanne, and a much loved grandpa.

Funeral service and internment at St Illtyd Church, Llantrithyd, at 11am on Tuesday, September 15. Family flowers only but donations would be most welcome to Marie Curie Hospice at Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth CF64 3YR.

FLANAGHAN
Rosemarie

Amanda, Steve, Hazel and Bob would like to thank everyone for attending the funeral of Rosemarie Flanaghan.

Special thanks to Reverend Brunning, Avril, Gill and Sandra, and everyone else involved.

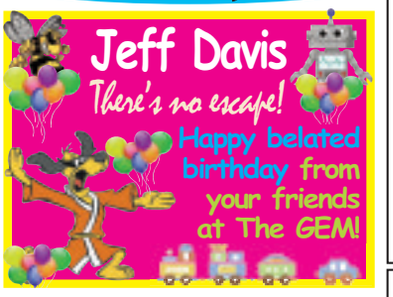
KAYLL
Caroline Joan

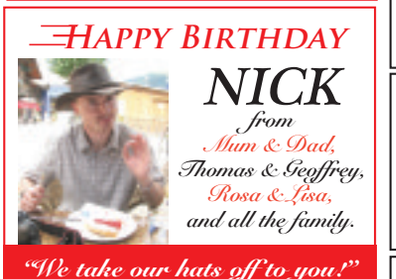
It is with great sadness the family announce the sudden death of a loved wife, mother, daughter, sister and aunt on 4th September 2015.

A service to celebrate her life will be held on 18th September 2015 at 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium.

Caroline was Ward Manager of Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. A much respected member of the nursing community. No dark colours please, family flowers only, donations to be announced.

Birthdays





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Sports under-10s shine in tournament

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The summer sun had finally arrived and the young team looked resplendent in their brand new Howdens Joinery Co, SAT Automation Ltd and Sports Xtra sponsored kit.

The combination of the weather and new kit provided the inspiration for the home team to produce some good rugby to delight their supporters and coaches.

In the first game, the Sports played Caerphilly. Starting the game with the possession the Sports attacked from the start, Tom Chick and Ben King took the ball upfield and some good offloading saw Mason Balmer give a pass to Ieuan Pilliner, who broke the first tackle, change direction and then used his strength to drive over for the first try.

Caerphilly tried to hit back straight from the restart, but good work in the tackle from Iestyn John, and Mason Blamer saw the home team turn the ball over and a quick pass to Joel Rogers saw him use his pace out wide to score the second try.

A third try followed in similar fashion after Dewi Worrall used his strength to rob Caerphilly at a ruck; Joel Rogers again outsprinted the defence for the home team to lead 3-0.

Caerphilly hit back with a try for Tom Lewis who took the ball deep in his own half, raced out of his 22 and then outsprinted the home team cover to score.

The Sports set Dewi Worrall and Ben King off on runs through the centre of the field from the restart. Ben King offloaded to Tom Chick who took full advantage of the try-scoring pass to race in to take the score to 4-1.

Two more tries followed, another for Tom Chick who got on the end of a pass following good work from Dylan Morgan and Dewi Worrall.

Cian John used his electric pace to sprint in from 12 metres out for the second, to take the half-time score to 6-1.

Caerphilly made a determined start to the second half and were soon 1-0 up with a try from Ryan Williams.

The Sports however, did not want to let the visitors spoil their party and they hit back immediately through a try from Ben King.

Caerphilly restarted but their attack was soon thwarted due to masterful work from Iestyn John in the tackle to secure ball. Callum Lewis then made good use of some space to send the opposition the wrong way and then score for the Sports to edge in front, a lead they were to hold onto for a short period, before Tom Williams broke out of defence from deep in the Caerphilly half and once again sprint the length of the field to level the score at 2-2.

Both sides threw everything into the next period of play, as Dylan Morgan sparked an attack from the Sports down the blindside; Joel Rogers was on hand to maintain momentum and link with Dewi Worrall.

He injected some pace but appeared to have been held up just short of the line before breaking the tackle to score for the Sports to win by nine tries to three.

Caerphilly then played Bryncethin in the round robin. Bryncethin scored first only for Caerphilly to respond with two tries. Bryncethin then levelled the scores going into half-time.

In the second half, Bryncethin ran in three further tries as they were able to pressurise Caerphilly into errors and then use good handling skills to put players into space and score to secure a 5-2 win.

Caerphilly battled hard in both games but were unable to retain the ball in the tackle which allowed their opponents in both games to gain the upper hand.

In the final game of the morning, the Sports played Bryncethin. Both teams were eager to impress and challenge for glory.

The Sports aim to pressurise their opponents into mistakes and then play some delightful rugby. In this second game the Sports now began to offload better and link with supporting players in space.

Bridgend Sports under-10s resplendent in their new kit.

Tom Chick scored first for the Sports as he received a pass from Cian John on the halfway line; with plenty to do, he used his pace to lose his opponents and score in the corner.

Tyron Davies scored next - he benefited from good work by Orson Thomas before switching direction to beat two players to touch down.

An attack from Bryncethin spilled the ball into opponent Cian John's hands who snapped up the opportunity and use his electric pace to race into score with another long distance effort.

Tyron Davies scored a further try for the Blue and Whites to lead 4-0 at half-time.

In the final half of the morning, Bridgend Sports scored four further unanswered tries through touchdowns from Iestyn John with two tries, Morgan Edwards and another for Tom Chick.

The home side concluded a brilliant opening for their season, and the young players can take great confidence from the two games.

This week they face Tonmawr at home.

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Barry Athletic FC round-up

BARRY ATHLETIC'S first team went into this midweek match against Island Marine A looking for their first win of the season.

The Athletic showed their intentions early with some fine attacking work coming from K.Caton down the middle with Hammill and Griffiths out wide.

The deadlock was broken early with goals from K.Caton and Hammill giving the team some much needed confidence.

The home side pulled a goal back midway through the first half but the two goal lead was restored by C.Leach.

The Athletic knew the next next goal in the game would be crucial and in the second half further goals from K.Caton (2), Gratton, Griffiths and M.Williams saw the match put to bed.

Much credit must go to the Island Marine for never giving up and being rewarded with two second half consolation goals.

Barry Athletic A were in action against Rhoose Athletic A, and were looking for two league wins in a row for the first time in almost two seasons.

The Athletic started quickly and were rewarded with a goal after only 24 seconds through T.Caton!

The perfect start then, but after five minutes of play they then unbelievably found themselves 2-1 down!

Good work from Hammill and T.Caton then set up K.Caton to make it 2-2 but just before half-time a defensive mix up cost the Athletic another goal, going in at half-time 3-2 down.

A big second half performance was needed and that's exactly what the first team found. Goals from T.Caton, K.Caton and a stunning free kick from Josh Leach meant the final score was 5-3 to the Athletic.

The club would like to thank Rhoose for a highly competitive and fair game.

Barry Athletic's B team development squad continued their winning start to the season against FC Pumas with a 6-0 victory.

It was a close encounter for the first 30 minutes with the Athletic having to contend with the constant long ball threat but following a long period of patience they got control of the game.

With slick passing and good movement the Athletic moved up through the gears and were a constant threat to the Pumas' goal.

Goals from Ryan Hales (2), Ben Graham (2), Danny Morgan and Billy Gratton contributed to a healthy scoreline for the Athletic, although it must be added that if it wasn't for some incredible goalkeeping from Pumas keeper Paul Fisher, the margin could have been a lot more.

The B team then faced Knap FC and suffered their first league defeat, losing 3-1.

This scoreline was definitely not a true reflection of the game. The Knap went in front after a nervy start from the Athletic but that brought them to life.

After some superb football the Athletic drew level thanks to a deflected shot from Ben Pearce.

The second half saw the Athletic play more good football and chances were created, but the well-organised Knap team were a constant threat on the counter attack and defended well.

Unfortunately the Athletic lost two key players through injury and this opened up the game a lot more, with the Knap taking their chances and the Athletic wasting theirs.

It was a another positive performance from a side who have only been together for five games, with man of the match Pearce leading the way.

The senior section would like to wish their under-10 and under-7 mini teams good luck in their first fixtures this Saturday.

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Cowbridge impress with huge victory

LAST Saturday, Cowbridge first XV entertained Tonyrefail at The Athletic Field and on a sunny day, with the pitch a credit to groundsman Tim Williams, they ran out winners by 62-17 in fine style.

Just four minutes into the match, scrum half Adam Dix sent a pass to outside half Alex Guard, who popped the ball up to centre and captain Will Williams to break the defence and then round the full back at pace to cross under the posts. Full back Chris Roberts-Walters added the conversion.

Four minutes later second row Connor Wyatt made yards with a strong drive; his fellow second row Emyr Stone took it on and then No 8 Luke Boys, before a final pass to the supporting Steff Kitchen to touch down.

Stone was on the scoresheet again two minutes later with a kick ahead that he re-gathered. Roberts-Walters added the extras.

Tonyrefail had their first score when their outside centre latched onto a dropped pass, kicked ahead and won the race to the line for a converted try.

Just before the midpoint, centre Rhys Griffin dummied and sidestepped past a number of defenders to score, and Roberts-Walters put over the conversion.

On 22 minutes, great handling saw the ball moved first to the right and then back to the left and wing Duncan Evans crossed under the posts for a converted try.

Tonyrefail took control of the last eight minutes, using their heavier forwards to keep the ball.

There was excellent defence from Wyatt, prop Geraint Thomas, having possibly his best game in the green strip, and Alex Guard until Tonyrefail crossed on the left to bring a half-time scoreline of 33-12.

Three minutes into the second half and Roberts-Walters put over a penalty from 30 metres.

Minutes later, from an attack down the left, hooker Connor Boys broke through and slipped a pass to Roberts-Walters to cross the line.

Then, maybe the pick of some excellent tries, as wing Freddie Harries gathered the ball near his try line and then burst 30 metres upfield and linked with Will Williams, who took it on before releasing the pacy right wing Evans to cross for a try that went virtually the full length of the field. Roberts-Walters again added the extras.

Tonyrefail replied with a try of their own from their right wing, but Cowbridge added a further try through Connor Boys with a charge down and pick up to race in.

Roberts-Walters again added the extras and the final try came from livewire Johnny Graham, playing at flanker, who pounced on a dropped pass to race away from 40 metres for a converted try.

A great performance – it was a pity we had to start with non-contested scrums but with maybe eight players unavailable, not least those at the wedding of Huw and Anna, Tonyrefail knew the difficulties we faced.

All the players looked comfortable on the ball and there was some great running and passing and enthusiastic defence too.

Well done boys. We know there are a number of students due to go to universtity/college, but they are always welcome when available and hopefully we have a few more weeks from them yet.

The youth had a fine win in the Cardiff and District Cup, beating Rumney 31-5.

The coaches were pleased with the mix of older and younger players which augurs well for the future.

Tries were scored by flanker Joe Davies, outside half Ash Thomas, centre Dan Evans, and a brace for wing Fraser McGhan. Prop Sam Richards added a conversion and Ash Thomas two more.

This Saturday the first XV travel to Tylorstown who had a good win themselves last weekend. The youth are at home, this time in the Welsh Youth Cup.

Kick off times should be back to the usual 2.30pm; all support would be very welcome.

RV/RK

Bowlers become county champions!

LLANTWIT MAJOR bowlers, Steve Booker and Adrian Woods became the Vale County Champions in the senior pairs after the final played at Barry Athletic.

In glorious sunshine on a running green, the Llantwit boys had a real tussle with Mike Duckfield and John Roberts from Porthcawl.

The first 12 ends saw the lead constantly changing, with neither pair able to get more than a single shot ahead.

After that the game changed dramatically, first with the Llantwit pair surging into an 11 shot lead only for the Porthcawl pair to claw it all back so that the match was all square coming into the last end.

With all to play for, Llantwit's lead, Adrian Woods, managed to hide the jack behind one of his woods but Porthcawl winkled it out and were holding shot.

However, with the last wood of the match, skip Steve Booker picked up the jack which ended up in the ditch followed in by his wood, which was still live.

A win for the Llantwit boys and an exciting end to a nail-biting match!

AW

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LLANTWIT MAJOR JUNIOR AND MINI RUGBY ROUND-UP

SUNDAY saw 12 teams descend on the Recreation Ground for the first under-14s 10-a-side tournament to be held at Llantwit Major RFC.

With the sun shining, the play was high tempo as each team endeavoured to start the 2015-16 season with a bang.

The tournament didn't start well for Llantwit with Porth Harlequins punishing some sloppy defence to secure a 38-5 win over the hosts.

The second match didn't fare much better for Llanwit as they succumbed to a 32-0 loss to Brecon.

Looking down and out the AmmoKnights entered their last group match with dampened spirits.

An impromptu supply of gusto envigorated the AmmoKnights who fought to a narrow defeat to eventual cup finalists Bryncoch.

Demoted to the shield competition, the AmmoKnights found their vigour as they thrashed Treorchy in the semi-final to set up and encounter with the Ferry Steelers.

Having never beaten the Steelers, the AmmoKnights knew that only an improved performance would see them secure some early season silverware.

Having finally woken from their Sunday slumber, the Ammoknights swept aside the Briton ferry team five tries to one to win the third tier of their tournament.

After three early defeats the AmmoKnights recorded two wins in their final two games to enjoy a good end to the day.

Local rivals Dinas Powys won the cup with a hard-fought victory over Bryncoch.

First-time visitors Pontardawe secured the plate tournament beating Brecon.

A great day was had by all and the AmmoKnights would like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped make the day a success.

MR

Llantwit Major Warriors (under-11s) started their season with a tough tournament, away at St Peters, Cardiff. With four strong teams to play, the Llantwit Warriors were in for a tough season opener.

The first match was against Llantwit Fardre, with whom they had drawn against at the end of last season.

It was a tough game, playing on a bigger pitch and a few more new rules to remember.

The Warriors seemed to struggle, forgetting all the things they had learned last season and in recent training sessions.

They watched as Llantwit Fardre took the ball from them at the breakdown; they were all bunched up, allowing Llantwit Fardre to play some lovely passing rugby and score two great tries.

Not a good start for the Warriors, final score Llantwit Fardre 2, Llantwit Warriors 0.

The next match was against a very strong St Peters Tigers. Whatever the coaches had said to the Warriors after the first match seemed to work.

They were talking to each other, starting to spread out and pass to each other. The Warriors made a few lovely breaks, but St Peters were too strong and well drilled to let anything through their defence.

A frustrated Warriors team made a few mistakes enabling St Peters to score some well worked tries; final score St Peters Tigers 3, Llantwit Warriors 0.

The Warriors' third match was against Rhymney Valley and they played a much better game - their tackling was strong, some of their rucking was brilliant, and they had remembered how to play together as a strong team.

The Warriors' defence worked hard, keeping Rhymney away from the try line for a lot of the game, and only twice were Rhymney able to get over the try line.

Through some great play, the Warriors were able to break through Rhymney's defensive line six time during the match for a final score of Rhymney Valley 2, Llantwit Warriors 6.

The final game of the rounds was against St Peters Panthers. This match had everything riding on it – a win was needed from the Warriors to get through to the final.

St Peters were strong and quickly they were testing the defensive line. There was some tough tackles and great rucking from both teams.

It was St Peters who opened up the scoring, followed by a determined Warriors attack taking them over the line to even up the scores.

The Warriors were playing well together, talking to and passing between players; they were defending well also, contesting for the ball at the breakdown.

It was only through a great piece of quick play that St Peters were able to run over the try line to take them in front.

Llantwit Warriors worked hard to get the play close to their line, and with great determination were able to get the ball over the line to bring the scoreline level at 2-2.

It was not quite enough to get the Warriors through to the final this time, but all players improved dramatically throughout the day, and I look forward to watching them grow as a team throughout this season.

Squad: Tom Roberts, Sam Harry, Iwan Thomas, Owen Hill, Logan Pike, Dylan Wright, Dylan Morgan, Caleb Beare, Rhys Greenaway, Sam Alexander, Rhys Davies, Olly Williams, Josh Wakeham, Cristian Parry, Finn O'Brian, Corey Lougher, Will Squance, Aneurin Price, Jamie Jenkins and, playing his debut match for the Warriors, Evan Harris.

SR

The Llantwit Warriors are on the attack!

The Ammoknights were in tournament action last weekend.

The under-8s fielded two teams on Sunday morning.

Llantwit Major under-10s travelled to Pontyclun for their first match of the season.

The weather was great and the boys were very excited to be back together after a break for the summer.

There was an excellent turn out of players, 17 in total; they were Braydan Griffiths, Brandon Harris, Tom Jones, Thomas George, Dylan Brown, Lewys Ingram, Flynn Barry, Marcus Hanmer, Carwyn John, Rhys Hoggarth, Thomas Lamerton, Jimi Williams, Dafydd Morgan, Tom Hamlett, Kian Barnett, Owen Richards and Kelyn Joseph.

The first team to play were Braydan, Brandon, Tom J, Thomas G, Dylan, Lewys, Flynn, Marcus, Carwyn and Rhys - an excellent start to the match with some outstanding tackling, the boys worked very well as a team to offload the ball, resulting in tries being scored.

At half-time the score was Llantwit 3, Pontyclun 3, tries scored by Flynn, Dylan and Marcus.

The second half was well on its was with some great defending by Llantwit.

The boys really got stuck into the game players calling for the ball with excellent offloading and some fantastic tackling. The final score was Llantwit 4, Pontyclun 6, try scored by Braydan.

The players for the second match were Thomas L, Jimi, Dafydd, Tom H, Kian, Owen, Kelyn, Brandon, Marcus and Dylan.

The boys played really well - they were all trying their best to get the tackles and making decisions as a team, and at half-time the score was Llantwit 0, Pontyclun 5.

Brandon, Marcus and Dylan were replaced with Braydan, Tom J and Flynn. The boys started to up their game a lot - more tackles were being made as well as players calling for the ball.

There was some excellent offloading of the ball which resulted in tries being scored and the final result was Llantwit 2, Pontyclun 6, tries scored by Flynn and Thomas L.

Men of the matches were Flynn and Marcus. Well done to all players it was a great start to the season, you all played very well.

MG

Late summer conditions welcomed Llantwit Major under-8s to Pontyclun on Sunday morning and both clubs were able to field two teams each.

Llantwit Major showed their enthusiasm as the players quickly shook off their summer rustiness.

The first game involving the Llantwit Blacks was a close affair with good organization and passing skills.

There were some lovely tries from both sides and Llantwit benefited from scores by Thomas Collins (3), Joel Harris and Oliver Ingrams (2) as they started this season as they had finished the last, with some strong forward running.

Strong tagging by both sides meant turnover ball as possession switched back and fore between the two teams.

Norah Griffiths and Ifan Lovejoy showed great first game enthusiasm and they were rewarded with some good tags and Ifan also managed to bag himself a score.

Dylan Godsell, Bleddyn Mitchem and Maverick Jennings all showed how their skills had developed in the first few weeks of training as they showed off their passing and catching skills and good support running throughout.

The Llantwit Reds, with a number of less experienced players, showed fantastic spirit and effort as they also put in some strong performances.

As the game moved along at a cracking pace Bleddyn Daw (2), Tomos Davies and Theo Elsenberg (2) were rewarded with scores as well as showing their strong running skills.

Sam Whitbread, Aaron Moce and Evan Boult also picked up scores and Brodie Beare, making his first appearance for Llantwit, quickly settled, making an excellent tag as he, Lloyd Morgan and Ben Butterworth supported their teammates.

In the end Pontyclun ran out worthy winners of both matches, 9-7 and 15-8 respectively.

With such a good start the season it bodes well, and this week's Sinclair tournament is another opportunity to show how the group are really starting to play as a team.

SW

Red card changes game as Saints exit the Cup

ST ATHAN crashed out of the SWFA Intermediate Cup to Trebanog FC in an enthralling encounter marred by controversy, the team losing 4-1.

Jordan Mortimore had put Saints ahead in the first half but a second half red card changed the complexion of the tie.

Trebanog were always going to be a stern test after finishing second in their league, only losing and drawing one game last season; those were to the eventual champions of the Rhondda league.

But it was Saints who started the stronger. Chances were few and far between with Mortimore going close on two occasions being denied by the home keeper.

Trebanog grew in frustration; they failed to break down a well organised St Athan side and Saints deservedly took the lead on the half hour mark.

Reece Lewis whipped in a corner for Mortimore to rise highest in the packed area to head home the opener.

Saints almost doubled their lead with both James Austin and Josh Morgan firing wide.

St Athan went in at half-time the happier of the two sides, in front and in control.

Trebanog changed up their shape in the second period as they chased the equaliser, sending three up front.

However, the home side couldn't break down Saints who were looking to seal the tie with a goal on the break, but the game changed with a moment of controversy.

As Saints keeper Paul Lucas collected a cross the forward collided with him in an otherwise innocuous incident.

However, the referee spotted foul play and dismissed Lucas with a straight red card.

The referee awarded a spot kick for the incident which was duly dispatched past stand-in keeper, Deon Garrison.

The game changed as Trebanog capitalised on their numerical advantage. It was only a fine low save from Garrison to stop the away side taking the lead.

This was only a slight reprieve, however, as a low ball across the six yard box was turned in to send the home side and support into raptures.

Saints had to throw caution to the wind and pushed players on. This almost led to a leveller during a goalmouth scramble with Mortimore, Austin, Cleave and Morgan having shots.

With Saints pushing on, the inevitable gaps were left at the back and Trebanog sealed their place in the next round with two more late goals to add some shine to the result for the home side.

An incredibly even game where both sides worked extremely hard, but it was Trebanog who progress.

Saints now turn their attention back to domestic issues with the Barry Cup first round against Knap FC.

VIFC won the competition last season and then merged with St Athan, so the players will be keen to defend their trophy.

Team: Lucas, Goodwin, R.Lewis, Cox, Garrison, Cleave, Laing, Austin, Harfoot, Morgan, Mortimore.

The second team also tasted defeat as they fell 3-0 to Dockers Re-United.

A mixed start to the season's opening, the seconds will hope for an away win against Penarth Town on Saturday.

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LLANTWIT CLUB HOLDS FINALS DAY

LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowling Club held their club finals on Saturday and Sunday with wonderful weather and a high standard of bowling by both ladies and men.

The ladies championship was between Carol Willmot and Julie Molloy - this was a hard fought game with the lead changing frequently until the 22nd end when Julie wrapped up the game, winning the final four ends to win by three shots.

The ladies Tyro competition saw Naomi Baelz, a comparative newcomer, playing in her first ever final against a very experienced player in Marion Lewis, who took control of the game to win comfortably by 13 shots.

The ladies Two Bowl pairs final saw Marilyn Gomaa and Etta Gray play Kay Johnes and Pat Brown; this was another close game with the scores level on the 14th end with Kay and Pat then scoring two three's on the trot which saw them home by four shots.

In the mixed pairs Steve Booker and Julie Molloy competed against John Nixon and Carol Willmot.

Steve and Julie were behind until the ninth end when they took a one shot lead; a score of four by John and Carol on the 14th end drew them level with Steve and Julie winning the final ends to win by four shots.

In the men's championship final, Tom Ingroville played Kyle Garrison.

Tom played the better bowls, being 11 shots up after 12 ends; Kyle came back to reduce the deficit to five shots on the 15th end with Tom winning the final two ends to win by nine shots.

In the Two Bowl final Neville Young played Kyle Garrison.

Neville held the lead from the fifth end, holding a seven shot lead but by the 15th end Kyle made a great comeback to win by one shot on the 30th end.

In the Frank Rhodes trophy, Ambrose Horgan played Graham Jones.

Ambrose was in brilliant form with Graham unable to find his touch and Ambrose dominated the game to win easily by 14 shots.

The men's Tyro competition was played between Ambrose Horgan and Glyn Fox.

Glyn stormed away, building up a six shot lead after eight ends but Ambrose came back, winning five ends on the trot to take a five shot lead.

The game remained close with Glyn winning the final three ends to win by two shots.

The men's four bowl final saw Steve Booker and Mike Adams play Richard George and Cenneth Williams.

Steve and Mike were always in control, being the more experienced pair, leading from the third end to win by nine shots.

The Two Bowl pairs was played by Steve Booker and Les Fowler against John Ball and John Nixon.

This was another tight affair with the result in the balance right up to the final end, with Steve and Les winning by three shots.

Many thanks to Val Ball and Mike Adams, the competition secretaries, for such a well organised event and to the many club members for their support on the days.

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BARRY & DISTRICT LEAGUE TABLES

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Moors Boys 9, Cadoxton Cons 6; West End Runaways 6, Wyndham Cons 9; Liberals 9, West End 6.

League table: Liberals 9 pts, Moors Boys 9 pts, Wyndham Cons 9 pts, Cadoxton Cons 6 pts, West End 6 pts, West End Runaways 6 pts, Rhoose Social 0 pts.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons B 3, West End C 2; Harbour B 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Rhoose Social B 3, Rhoose Social C 2; Cadoxton Cons Z 2, Savoy A 3; Caddy Allstars 2, Wyndham Cons A 3.

League table: Harbour B 4 pts, Cadoxton Cons B 3 pts, Rhoose Social B 3 pts, Savoy A 3 pts, Wyndham Cons A 3 pts, Caddy Allstars 2 pts, Cadoxton Cons Z 2 pts, Rhoose Social C 2 pts, West End C 2 pts, Penarth Cons B 1 pts, Market Street C 0 pts.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

West End B 4, Cadoxton Cons A 1; Liberators 2, Savoy B 3; Wyndham Cons D 2, Wyndham Cons C 3; Market Street B 2, Services Social B 3; West End A 2, Penarth Cons A 3.

League table: West End B 4 pts, Penarth Cons A 3 pts, Savoy B 3 pts, Services Social B 3 pts, Wyndham Cons C 3 pts, Liberators 2 pts, Market Street B 2 pts, West End A 2 pts, Wyndham Cons D 2 pts, Cadoxton Cons A 1 pts, Sully Sports A 0 pts.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Welsh steeplechase jockeys - Ivor and Owen Anthony

LAST time, from my out of print book *Welsh Steeplechase Jockeys* (Cwmnedd Press,1993), we featured Jack Anthony, the most famous of the famed three Welsh riders. This week we take a look at his brothers Ivor and Owen.

Ivor, who once rode all five winners at Pembroke Steeplechases, was champion jockey in 1912 with 78 wins to his credit. As an amateur rider, he won the National Hunt Chase on *Timothy Titus*, a horse bred by his father. That same year, 1904, he was the leading gentleman rider. He rode many winners at the now long defunct racecourses such as Tenby, Pembroke, Cardiff and Cowbridge.

Ivor never managed to ride a Grand National winner. He was fourth in 1906 on *Crautacaun* and was placed third on three occasions; *Axle Pin* (1912), *Ally Sloper* (1917), and *Ballymacad* (1918).

However, when he turned to training, he saddled three winners of the Welsh Grand National at Cardiff's Ely Racecourse.

He also trained *Kellsboro' Jack* to win the 1933 Grand National with fellow Welshman Dudley Williams in the saddle and *Royal Mail,* which won the 1937 Aintree spectacular with Cowbridge's Evan Williams aboard.

Other big races to go his way were the 1938 Cheltenham Gold Cup with *Morse Code* and the 1934 Champion Hurdle with *Chenango*.

A confirmed bachelor, and said to have been something of 'an old woman', Ivor was a stickler for cleanliness and promptness.

As assistant to Aubrey Hastings at Wroughton, he took charge of the yard when the Hon Aubrey died suddenly in 1929, and his first winner was the legendary *Brown Jack,* which won the Salisbury Cup.

It was a bad accident at Ludlow in 1924 that had put him out of the saddle. His meticulous approach to detail and his patience and understanding with problem horses earned him a place in the record books if not as a great jockey, but certainly a great trainer.

Ivor, who had been born in 1883, died in 1959.

As a jockey, perhaps Owen was the least known of the famous trio, though he did ride more than 100 winners.

For the controversial Miss Dorothy Paget, he trained the immortal *Golden Miller* to win the 1936 Cheltenham Gold Cup and in 1940, brought off the Gold Cup and Champion Hurdle double for Miss Paget with *Roman Hackle* and *Solford* respectively.

He has been described by Quinton Gilbey (queen of the turf) as "a rotund Welshman with a beaming countenance" and "an equable character". He was one of the few people in racing circles who would stand no nonsense from Miss Paget, who was apt to phone her trainers in the middle of the night. Owen gave it to her straight – his phone would be unhooked at 10pm every night.

Owen was just 16 when he rode his first winner under rules at Pembroke Steeplechases.

The closest he came to riding a Grand National winner was in 1913, when he finished a distant second on Mr W T Drake's *Irish Mail* to *Covertcoat*, ridden by Percy Woodland.

Born in 1887, Owen died quite suddenly from pneumonia in 1941.

The Anthony family was a large one and a little known fact is that besides the famous trio, two other brothers who made their marks in the world of horse racing were Major General W S Anthony, who rode a lot of winners in Ireland and who had a good horse called *Clashing Arms,* and Gwynne Anthony who, despite a club foot, was a leading rider in Welsh point-to-points.

It was not unknown for the Anthony brothers to take the first three places when competing in point-to-points in their earlier days; and, I believe, it was racing over these haphazard racecourses that gave the famed trio their prowess on the racecourse proper in later life.

Next time we feature Llanelli's Davy Jones, one of the most versatile jockeys in the history of the turf.

CENTURIONS CONCLUDE THEIR SEASON WITH A WIN

SULLY CENTURIONS played Welsh Asians at Burnham Avenue and ended with a welcome victory to round off an otherwise disappointing season in the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire League.

The visitors batted first and were soon two wickets down as the wickets of Ali (21) and Rauf (4) fell to leave Asians at 46 for 2.

In spite of a dogged 40 from Aslam, the wickets kept falling, with Ted Alsop (who ended with a fine 4 for 34) and Prashant Chaudhary (2 for 34) doing most of the damage for Centurions.

Welsh Asians were reduced to 122 for 8, but a ninth wicket stand of 58 between Ilyas and Khan frustrated Sully.

However, the innings was wrapped up in the 42nd over when the last wicket fell with the score on 191.

After tea Alsop (34) and Sandeep Shokeen (53) shared a second wicket partnership of 73 for Centurions.

However, a collapse which threatened to derail the innings followed, taking the home side from a comfortable 142 for 2 to 158 for 7 in the space of three overs.

Ambrish Kulakarni's half century for Centurions had looked to be crucial, but his was the seventh wicket to fall and the tail was looking decisively shaky at this stage.

Ilyas (4 for 50) was the Welsh Asians' top bowler. However, after the batting slump came the fightback – Bharat Banderi hit a whirlwind 34 not out from just 15 balls and Alasdair Mackinnon (4 not out) held down the other end as Centurions reached the target in the 36th over without any further loss of wicket.

Sully Centurions 195-7, Welsh Asians 191 all out.

The second XI's season ended in defeat at Malpas, but this was a much improved performance from last week.

Skipper Dave Sylvester won the toss and put the home side in to bat on a day of changeable conditions.

Simmonds (22) and Archer (13) took the score along to 39 before Ricky Griffett trapped Archer lbw in the 13th over.

Only two more runs were added before Herbie Miller took a superb caught and bowled to dismiss Simmonds. A 43 run partnership followed between Jones (53) and James (47 not out) then a stand of 70 between James and Margetts (16) took the score along to 154 for 4.

A couple of quick wickets (Nicholas Jones caught off Gethin Hicks and Cobb bowled by Mick Fisher) left the score at 159 for 5.

But only one more wicket fell (Alex Jones caught for a duck off the bowling of Dave Sylvester) and Malpas finished on 195 for 6, with Boothroyd unbeaten on 24 at the end.

The Centurions innings got off to a slow start with the home attack getting the upper hand.

Peter Thomas went for 33 when he was bowled by James in the 17th over and two overs later Dave Sylvester was run out for 13 with the score on 52.

This triggered a clatter of wickets as the middle order pushed the self-destruct button and Sully slumped to 57 for 5 after 22 overs.

Herbie Miller and Ricky Griffett both reached 15 but no other batsman reached double figures as Centurions were all out for 108.

A bright note was the first league runs for Chris Cole, who finished with 5.

Malpas II 195-6, Sully Centurions II 108 all out.

Centurions have two more friendly matches in September – away at Dinas Powys this Sunday and at home to Cardiff Casuals the following week – before the winter break.

MF

Brynhill ladies results

AUGUST 11, Waterford Crystal Vases - silver winner Gemma Evans 38points; runner-up Linda Hewlett 36.

Bronze winner Jane Phillips 36points, runner-up Judy Davies 36.

August 18, Millenium Plate: winner Jan Robertson 40points, runner-up Andrea Page 38.

Auguest 25, four-ball better ball Trophy: winners - Glynis Gould and Miggs Codd 44points, runners-up Liz Brown and Olwen Thomas 42.

August 29, Hugh Howell (mixed) - winners Anne Philips and John Griffiths 72 nett, runners-up Andrea Page and Steve Davies 73 nett.

September 1, Rosebowl: winner Robbie Lee minus-one over count back from Di Davies and Andrea Page.

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Llantwit slip up on opening day of new season

ON a lovely autumn afternoon, Llantwit Major hosted Pentyrch in the first league game of 2015/2016.

With the youth also playing on the next pitch against Pentyrch, a sizeable crowd turned out.

Llantwit started brightly and it wasn't long before they broke upfield and were awardeda penalty that was duly slotted by outside half Josh Austin.

It wasn't long before he had a second attempt and duly nailed that to see Llantwit lead 6-0 on the opening quarter.

It was deep into the half that Pentyrch made it into Llantwit territory and they were awarded a penalty to cut the deficit to three.

The pressure was all from Llantwit and they managed to win a scrum against the head but held on at the breakdown to give away a penalty – and then another 10 yards.

Try as they might Llantwit could not find a chink in the armour to get through for the try.

A yellow card for the Pentyrch lock for persistent back chat allowed Josh Austin to extend the lead with a third penalty.

From the kick off, Llantwit secured the ball and made their way upfield before finding Gareth Watts on the touchline. He bullocked his way past defenders before being bundled into touch two yards out.

From the lineout, the visitors were awarded a penalty that was at best dubious, which allowed them to clear their lines.

The half-time score was **Llantwit 9, Pentyrch 3**.

The visitors started the second half the brighter and it wasn't long before they crossed the line following a quick tap penalty after a couple of missed tackles; the conversion was missed.

Within five minutes they crossed again. Playing a game that lacked real structure and constantly using the tap and go ploy, they were successful in crossing for a try which again was converted.

Credit to the Llantwit boys, as their heads did not drop and they plugged away, making breaks here and there, but at the last moment losing the ball.

It was Pentyrch who scored the last points with a penalty that denied Llantwit a losing bonus point.

You have to give this squad credit – they stuck at it for 80 minutes and they will continue to grow into a mature team once the rustiness disappears.

It's difficult to find fault with any of the boys but there were particularly good performances by Rob Carter, Damian Gardner-Ponting, Sam Booker, Rhys Dixon and, of course, Shaun Shea and Tony Burrows, who defied their years and put an 80-minute shift in.

All in all this was a good performance and the positives far outweigh the negatives, and supporters who were there can look forward to the season with more than hope.

Well done Mark, Huw and Graeme on getting this team ready and congratulations to the players who took the field; with players to come back it appears that competition will be healthy. **NE**

Barry seconds start season with a loss...

BARRY RFC seconds opened their 2015/16 campaign as they hosted Cardiff Quins at Reservoir Field.

Coaches Rhidian Scott and Martin Tanner handed senior competitive debuts to four players, with Curtis Miller starting at number 8, Dylan Robertson at fly-half, Garth Peake on the wing and Mitchell Scott on the substitutes bench.

The new-look side started nervously and began the game on the back foot, struggling to gain any territory or possession, with only Robertson's boot an outlet.

Despite some good defending, a fumble on their own line saw Barry concede the first try which went unconverted.

Barry finally got into gear and put together some interlinking play between the centres Dave Provis and Dominic Busuttil, but whenever they threatened to up the ante, they fell foul of the referee's whistle, which was penalising the home side heavily in the contact area.

Instead the visitors increased their lead with a well-worked try out wide, and the conversion meant that Barry were 12-0 down at the interval.

The green-and-whites tried to reverse the momentum with the slope in their favour, and they tried to generate the opportunities which they created in the first half but spurned.

Poor decision making in the final third, together with the loss of the ball in contact, saw the Quins break down the length of the field to score their third try to put the contest seemingly beyond doubt.

Worse was to follow for the home side as tempers flared with both coaching staff and playing staff losing their heads, resulting in Barry being reduced to 14 men.

The Quins poured forward for their bonus point try and despite some good last ditch defending, it came after some persistent pressure to make the score 22-0.

With all hope lost Barry rallied late on, despite finishing the game with only 13 men with Kyle Case forced off with an injury.

Their endeavour was rewarded by first a try from the evergreen Dave Provis, converted by Robertson, before Rhidian Mepham had the last say with a snipe through the centre to score near the posts.

Robertson's conversion from a drop kick meant that the final score was 14-22.

Barry 2nd XV will hope for better things to come as they travel to St Peters this weekend.

Team: Flynn; Russell, Provis, Busuttil, Peake; Robertson, Mepham; Fortt, Turnbull, Ring; Dutton, Lloyd Jones; Lee Jones, Case ©, Miller. Replacements: Thomas, Evans, Scott; replacement not used: Chow. Man of the match: Provis. **KC**

Bradley adds another trophy to collection!

Dan Williams, Bradley Dodd, captain Rhys Jones, Chris Evans and Ceri Evans.

HAVING previously won the Chief Buck Rabbit on finals day at Brynhill, Bradley Dodd reached the final of the George Williams, playing against Chris Evans.

Both players teed off a little nervously, however with the camaraderie and excellent sportsmanship that both players afforded each other, they soon settled down to a good game of golf.

Chris was two up after four holes but Bradley pulled back and was one up at the seventh. It was a see-saw match with Bradley and Chris winning and losing holes.

At the 12th Chris had gone ahead, but then Bradley pulled back to be all square at the 13th; however, a great four from Chris on the 14th put him back to one up.

Back to all square on the 15th where the rain started and as they approached the 16th, the clouds gathered.

Torrential rain followed but both players were undeterred and Bradley won that hole. They headed to the 17th where Bradley won the hole to win the final 2 & 1.

The game was a fine example of friendship and it was good to see that in such an important match.

Bradley now has two major trophies to collect on presentation night. Commiserations to Chris and his excellent caddie/wife, Ceri.

Congratulations Bradley and caddie Dan Williams. The referee was club captain Rhys Jones, who has had a busy year overseeing all the major finals competitions this year.

RESULTS

August 29, Hugh Howell - winners Ann Phillips & John Griffiths nett 72; August 30 Holme Towers Cup - winner Scott Nelson nett 67, runner-up Lee Jones nett 68; best gross - Scott Bowman, gross 72 (bk 37). **JK**

Another cup win for Llantwit bowlers

The Llantwit Major bowlers receive the Hugh Meddins Trophy.

FOLLOWING on from their recent success in the Alan Martin Cup, Llantwit Major bowlers travelled to Dinas Powys Bowls Club to compete in the finals of the Hugh Meddins Trophy.

This trophy is competed for by two sets of triple teams from each club in the Vale, playing two games of 11 ends.

The teams of Glyn Fox, Arthur Hayes and Charles Hiscock, plus Eric Sparkes, Tom Ingroville and Steve Booker, were unbeaten for those two games and scored the maximum eight points available to secure the win.

The trophy, together with commemorative towels, were presented to the teams by Mr Hugh Meddins. **SB**

A draw and a win for Dinas Wolves under-13s

THE opening game of the season will always be a hard challenge and Saturday proved this, as Dinas Powys Wolves drew 2-2 with IMFC.

Dinas opened the scoring from Conor O'Brien ghosting in at the back post with a fine finish.

Dinas had chances to increase their lead but failed to hit the target on countless opportunities. This was to prove costly as IMFC then pounced on poor defending, taking a 2-1 lead.

Ten minutes before the break they were awarded a penalty but Dylan Morris pulled off a fine save and the visitors hit the home side on the counter; from this Cole Saunders slotted home from a tight angle.

The match certainly wasn't a classic, as both teams struggled to get the ball down and in a tight affair the game finished 2-2.

Man of the match was Dylan Morris.

DINAS WOLVES 8 BARRY ATHLETIC 1

The young villagers set about the opposition in a professional manner following Saturday's disappointing display.

From the kick off, Hewitson finished a five pass move to open the scoring within 10 seconds, without the visitors touching the ball!

That set the tempo of the match. Dinas wasted chances early on when Doughty, Saunders, O'Brien, Harewood and Hewitson could have increased the lead in the opening 15 minutes, but a mix of poor finishing and good saves prevented this.

Young Wolves striker Hewitson made amends for this and added two very good goals to put the home team three up at the break.

The second half saw more attacking football from Dinas as they did not give Barry Athletic time to play and pressed well in numbers all over the park.

Quest, Frost, Lewis Mossey and Williams showed a strong rearguard action, winning the ball time and time again.

Athletic pulled a goal back from the spot when Lewis looked harshly treated but this only fired the home side on.

Two fine goals from Harewood and a goal from Saunders put the game as a contest to bed.

Dinas always looked to pass the ball around and tried to stretch the pitch.

The goal of the game came when, under pressure, the defence didn't panic and played from Frost to Dylan Morris in goals; his awareness freed Perria to find Mallum, who put Joe Doughty in for one of the best team goals Dinas have scored in a while.

Robson Mallum put in the display everyone knows he is capable of, and rounded off a fine match with a delightful finish.

Zak Fifield had very good game taking the man of the match award with his leadership qualities shining through. **LS**

That man Flint triumphs again!

BRIDGEND trainer John Flint had plenty to smile about at Bath last week when his seven-year-old chestnut mare *Bernisdale* ran out a nine-lengths winner of a division of the Ultimate Finance Groups Handicap under Daniel Muscott, who had ridden a winner for him the week previously.

The last time *Bernisdale*, who went off at odds of 8-1, had scored for dual purpose trainer Flint was in a hurdle race at Newton Abbot last year, whereas last week's race was over a mile and five furlongs on the flat.

EVAN'S WORCESTER WINNER

At Worcester, Llancarfan's Evan Williams landed the Worcester News Maiden Hurdle with his recent course and distance winner *Roadie Joe* who, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, came home 12 lengths ahead of *Air Of Glory*.

Wintour Leap, trained by former point-to-point rider Robert Stephens of Penhow near Chepstow, was an easy winner of the mares handicap hurdle.

TIM'S LONG TRIP PAYS OFF

A 279-mile trip from Aberthin to Sedgefield paid off when the Tim Vaughan-trained *Lamool* won the Sedgefield Bookmakers Conditional Jockeys' Novices' Hurdle under Alan Johns.

Lamool, a long-odds on favourite, romped home a 15-length winner from *Rocky Two*.

Lamool, at eight-years-old, was the oldest horse in the race and was winning for the third time this season. **BRIAN LEE**

DARTS LEAGUE READY FOR START OF SEASON

THE 2015-2016 season of the Cowbridge Darts League is about to begin.

This year we have nine teams competing, hosted by seven pubs.

The venues are: Edmondes Arms, Cowbridge; Farmers Arms and Hare and Hounds, Aberthin; Llanharry Working Men's Club, Llanharry; Highwayman Inn, Nurston, Old Post Inn, Bonvilston and new this season, the Six Bells Inn, Penmark.

The opening league matches will be played on Tuesday, September 15. The Edmondes A are hosting the Old Post Ladies, the Edmondes C are hosting the Highwayman Inn and the Farmers Arms are hosting the Hare & Hounds.

The new team this season, the Six Bells Inn, has a tough opening fixture since they are hosting the defending champions Llanharry. Last year's runners-up, the Edmondes B, have a bye and so have no game.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk. **PJT**

Charity golf competition

THE Mayor of Glamorgan's charity golf day takes place at Cottrell Park Golf Club on September 25.

The competition is in aid of the RNLI and The St Vincent De Paul Society.

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LITTLE CAUSE TO REJOICE IN VICTORY OVER ITALY...

COMMENT by Don John

FOLLOWING the previous weekend's heroics in Dublin, the Welsh camp may well have viewed the third and final Rugby World Cup 'warm-up' against the Italian 'minnows' at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium (soon to be renamed 'Principality Stadium'!) as a less taxing run-out to send the team off to the global tournament in good heart, with two victories out of three under their belts.

Indeed, head coach Warren Gatland had expressed his satisfaction with the team's stirring performance in the 16-10 win over Ireland, although there were "*plenty of things we need to work on from that victory, so we will be looking to put those in place against Italy.*

"With our opening RWC fixture (against Uruguay) just two weeks away, this weekend is important for fine tuning," he stressed.

As the final whistle blew on Saturday on a desperately flat performance, compounded by devastating injury blows to two key players, he, more than anyone, will have known that there really are plenty of things to work on – which will require far more than "fine tuning" to put right in the little time now left before the global tournament kicks off.

Yes, they finally scraped a narrow 23-19 win, but the result could so easily have swung the other way, with tenacious Italy pressing hard, literally, to the end – and claiming a deserved second try in the 80th minute that, if converted, would have reduced the final margin to just two points.

Wales were left licking their wounds and counting the cost of a frustrating (and ultimately meaningless) 'friendly' encounter that saw established first choice scrumhalf, Rhys Webb, and indispensable fullback Leigh Halfpenny – who had kicked five penalties – depart the field with severe injuries that, following on the loss of the injured Jonathan Davies, could yet have a decisive bearing on Wales' World Cup prospects.

As if this is not worrying enough for the Welsh camp, underlying concerns again resurfaced up front, where the home eight struggled throughout to stay on terms at both the set-piece and at the breakdown, in contrast to their all-action display against Ireland the week before.

It gave credence to the observation by former Wales and New Zealand head coach Graham Henry last week that "*there is still a question mark about the Welsh scrum*".

With even lowly Italy able to outscore Wales by two tries to one on Saturday, it also supported the respected World Cup-winning coach's view that Wales persistently underperform as an attacking threat.

"*You have to wonder why they don't score more tries with all that talent. They have so much firepower, but they don't seem to function in attack as well as you would expect",* he opined and few could honestly dispute this critical assessment.

Gatland told a post-match press conference: "*Italy are always a difficult team to beat*," which was indeed partly borne out by the repeated infringements committed by the visitors. However, it's also true that the Scots had encountered no such difficulty the week before in their 48-7 points blitz against Italy in Edinburgh.

Only last March, Wales had bettered that score with a 61-20 victory in Rome. The untimely loss of form, and overall performance in the so-called 'warm-ups' has to be seen as a serious pyschological setback to the Welsh camp – not only for their World Cup aspirations, but in terms of the confidence and consistency that they have striven for so long to instil in the players.

The ultra-reliable Halfpenny is the one player above all who personifies this and how the coaches must regret not taking him off as a precaution after the shock of losing Webb on a stretcher earlier in the first half.

With three key personnel now sidelined, they now face the unwelcome task of raising the shaken team's morale (and level of performance) to meet the toughest of all rugby challenges ahead.

Their backs may be to the wall, but that is often when Wales are at their most dangerous – and this could prove to be the one positive to emerge from Saturday's drama and disappointment.

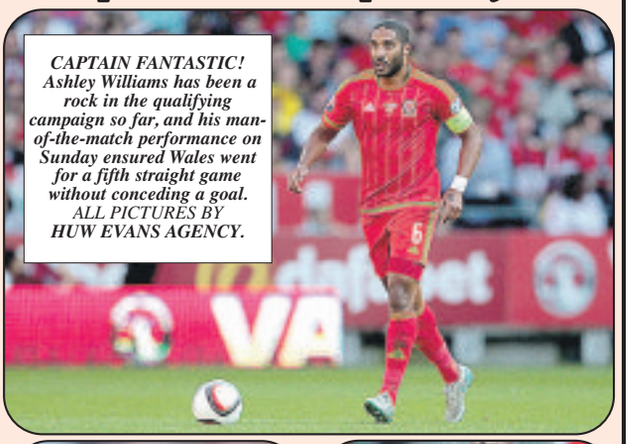
• *Meanwhile, in yet another tinkering with the laws, the rugby powers that be are inexplicably trialling six points for a try and two points for either a place kick or a drop goal.*

While laudable in theory as a means of opening up the game as a spectacle, in practice the wider disparity will surely mean even more infringements – with defending players less wary of conceding two points than in preventing eight. Elementary, my dear Watson!

WALES ARE ON THE BRINK OF EURO 2016 QUALIFICATION...

but Israel spoil the party!

by GARETH JAMIESON



CAPTAIN FANTASTIC! Ashley Williams has been a rock in the qualifying campaign so far, and his man-of-the-match performance on Sunday ensured Wales went for a fifth straight game without conceding a goal. ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY.

WHEN Wales last qualified for a major tournament – the 1958 World Cup – their passage was achieved with an aggregate 4-0 win over Israel in a play-off in February of that year; fast-forward to 2015, and a nation held its breath on Sunday as this current squad of footballers faced the same opposition, knowing that a win would send them to next year's European Championships in France.

Following Thursday's tight 1-0 away win over Cyprus, the tension and excitement was ratcheted up to fever pitch with fans, coaches and players realising that our 57 years of hurt were nearly over.

In his post-match press conference on Thursday, Wales manager Chris Coleman said: "My message to (the fans) is to get carried away. Enjoy this – they've waited a long time. But we can't get carried away. I can't, the players can't, my staff can't and we won't."

In a sun-kissed Cardiff City Stadium, it was down to Coleman and his team to deliver the performance, but more importantly the result, that would allow the players, staff and Coleman himself to get carried away, with the confirmation of qualification.

Ninety four minutes, and a 0-0 draw, later, Wales are still left waiting for that confirmation, but as Coleman asserted with a dose of realism amidst the surprisingly glum post-match viewpoints seen from some sections of the media and the public: "It's a shame we didn't do it. It's an anti-climax but a good point. We all wanted to do it and make the Welsh public happy. They are a bit frustrated but if we do the same again it's over. We only need one point now."

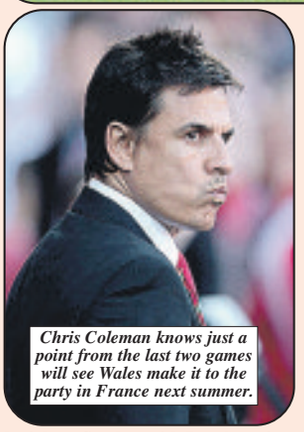
There was a palpable sense of frustration following the final whistle, however anyone believing that Wales will blow their golden opportunity from their current position needs take stock of the situation.

It still requires Israel to win both of their remaining games, at home to Cyprus and away to Belgium, and for Wales to fail to pick up at least a point in their two remaining games, away to Bosnia (a fixture that has looked less daunting the more this campaign has gone on) and then at home to Andorra, a country who have only ever taken one competitive point away from home.

In short, while sport never deals in certainties (and Welsh sport in particular loves to upset the odds), the chances of a Wales-less Euro 2016 are miniscule.

Defender Chris Gunter put it succinctly when he commented: "We wanted to do it for ourselves and for the fans. But we've waited such a long time (to qualify) we can wait another few weeks probably."

That said, it wasn't as if Wales didn't have the opportunities to finish the job on Sunday, with Israel coming to seemingly to play for the draw, rarely troubling the watertight Welsh defence that has now kept five competitive clean sheets in a row.



Chris Coleman knows just a point from the last two games will see Wales make it to the party in France next summer.

But to win matches you need to score goals, and this was a day when all Wales could do was create chance after chance without finishing off the opportunities.

Aaron Ramsey and Andy King had opportunities early on, but as it became trickier for Wales to break through their well-organised opponents' defence, the first-half petered out with nerves on end.

It was more of the same second half, Wales looking for that opening with talisman Gareth Bale forced to come deeper to pick up the ball and being restricted to shooting from distance, while his free-kick on the edge of the Israeli box dipped just over the bar.

The real drama was saved for the end, with two incidents that rammed home that this just wasn't going to be our day.

First, a clear handball by Tibi went unpunished by the referee, much to the consternation of players and fans alike, before substitute Simon Church headed the ball into the net in the final minute of injury time, only to see it chalked off for offside.

As the final whistle blew, the frustration was clear – this was supposed to be the party to end all parties, and yet Israel had come and spoiled it.

Gareth Bale shows his frustration after another close call; the Real Madrid player will be aiming to showcase his skills in the European Championships.

Their questionable time-wasting aside, Israel were well-organised, and very tough to break down, and Wales' inability to get that breakthrough means that the party is on ice for now.

Of course qualification can be confirmed with the right result in Sarajevo on October 10, as Coleman's men face a Bosnia team who have underwhelmed and disappointed in this group; an easier fixture than it looked at the beginning of this campaign, it will still be tricky but a Wales with a little more cutting edge should get the job done.

In the worst-case scenario of the team slipping to their first loss of the campaign, the boost is that the final game is against minnows Andorra in front of what will be another sold-out crowd in Cardiff, a fixture that would be unlikely to end in any other result apart from a home victory.

While the anti-climax of Sunday may linger, there are two more matches, and only a point, separating Wales from their dreams of qualification for France next summer... it's not if, but when.